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FROM WASHINGTON.

Intervention in Cuba Not Probable.

Report on the Witowski and Sugg Fort Claims.

WASHINGTON, December 30, 1875.

The Cuban Question.

The present prospect of a peaceable settlement of our difficulties with Spain, and of her renewed energy and wisdom in the pacification of Cuba, is so good, that unless a new, unforeseen and unexpected change should occur, there is no probability of hostilities, or of a necessity of such intervention as was foreshadowed in the President's message. The Spanish property owners in Cuba have but recently been made to bear a large part of the burden of war, and their sufferings have disposed them to urge peace and a good Government. As a means to peace, an expert financier is now in Cuba, with power to re-arrange the finances and to make important reforms of all kinds, in which labors he will have the assistance of Jovellar, the new Captain General. It is possible that the substance of that part of the President's message relating to Cuban affairs was sent in advance to the American Ministers at the principal European Courts, and that this was communicated to the Governments to which they were accredited as a matter of information, and to draw out from them some expressions of opinion.

Report on the Witowski and Sugg Fort Claims.

The committee appointed to consider the Witowski and Sugg Fort claims find in their report both claims fictitious and fraudulent, and that they have passed through the offices of the Third Auditor and Second Comptroller without such examination as the law requires; that the Third Auditor and James Allen and George Ecolitie, clerks in his office, and the Second Comptroller, his deputy, Curtis, and John C. Wilson, clerk in his office, had failed to give such claims proper examination, and are, therefore, chargeable with culpable negligence. The report does not impute to any of these officers or any one connected with the department or fraudulent purpose. The Secretary of the Treasury submitted the report to the President this morning, and on his return to the Department showed it to Messrs. Brodhead, Rutherford and Curtis, who promptly agreed to tender their resignations. The report was also shown to the three clerks above named, who will also resign.

Payments to the Government.

The Secretary of the Treasury declines to receive checks and drafts in payment of debts due the Government. This will prevent National banks from paying their semi-annual dues in anything else than lawful money.

NEW YORK.

Attempted Double Murder and Suicide.

Increase in Freight Rates to Chicago.

NEW YORK, December 30, 1875.

Murder and Suicide.

Late this morning an officer was called to No. 356, West Fifty-third street, where he found a man named Meyers and his wife and child in bed, the former insensible, and the child dead, from pistol shot wounds. It is supposed that Meyers did the shooting.

Later.—Later information from the scene of the tragedy in West Fifty-third street this morning states that the name of the man was Monroe S. Minster, employed in the office of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children as janitor and interpreter. Minster had lived in the apartments where the tragedy occurred for several months. At about seven o'clock this morning groans were heard by a woman living in an adjoining apartment, who gave the alarm, and the room was broken into, when the senseless bodies of Minster, his wife and the dead body of his child were found. The man and his wife were taken to the hospital, where the doctors pronounced their wounds fatal. From the positions of the parties in bed, it is supposed that Minster first shot his child, then his wife, and lastly himself. All the parties were in their night clothes. It is thought poverty and disagreements prompted the crime.

Increase in Freight Rates.

At a meeting to-day of representatives of the Grand Trunk, Vermont Central, Boston & Albany and New York Central railroads, it was resolved to increase freight rates to the old basis of seventy-five cents per one hundred pounds to Chicago. A meeting of all the roads will be held shortly to ratify this action.

Bowen's Other Libel Suit.

An application was granted to-day by Judge McCue in the Brooklyn City Court for the appointment of a referee to take the evidence of Theodore Tilton in the other suit for one hundred thousand dollars damages brought by Henry C. Bowen against the Brooklyn *Eagle*.

President of Four Railroads.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, President of the New York Central, Harlem and Lake Shore railroad companies, was to-day elected President of the Canada Southern Railroad Company.

A Publisher Sentenced.

John E. Grant, convicted of publishing the *Toledo Sun* and sending it through the mails, was sentenced to-day to eighteen months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of $500.

HEAVY DEFALCATION.

The City Treasurer of Buffalo Absconds to Escape the Consequences of a Heavy Defalcation.

BUFFALO, December 30.—Joseph Bork, City Treasurer, left for New York yesterday, giving as a reason that he wanted to raise money to meet personal obligations; but in fact, as was subsequently learned, to escape the immediate consequences of a heavy defalcation. It is impossible at present to determine the extent of the defalcation, but it is thought to be a quarter of a million dollars. His second term was just drawing to a close, so that for four years he has had control of the city's funds. His bonds, $135,000, are secured by thirty-five of the most prominent and wealthy citizens. Before taking his departure Bork made a general assignment of his property, which is estimated at $650,000. It is thought his assets will fall short of the amount of the defalcation. He has been a very extensive real estate operator, and built up the eastern part of the city known as East Buffalo. He was prominently named as the Republican candidate for Mayor at the last term.

Later.—Further developments in the case of Joseph Bork, the absconding Treasurer, show his defalcation to foot up between $300,000 and $400,000. It is now learned that he has fled to Canada. He has confessed to several persons here that a system of defalcation has been carried on during his two terms of office as City Treasurer, using the "cash on hand," and his individual checks on Lyon, Burk & Co., his bankers. The city will not suffer, as his bondsmen are considered ample security for any deficiency.

THE WEST VIRGINIA MURDER.

A Mob in Possession of Charleston—Indignant Miners and Laborers Threaten to Lynch the Murderers of Thomas Lee—The Prisoners Removed from Jail—Great Excitement.

WHEELING, W. VA., December 30.—A special to the *Intelligencer* says since the murder of Thomas Lee, at Malden, Kanawha county, this State, by Rufus Eastep and John Dawson, the miners and laborers employed in the Salines organized for the purpose of lynching the murderers. This evening a mob of masked men, numbering from 300 to 500 marched into Charleston, turned out the gas and proceeded to the jail and procured the key. But the prisoners had been removed by the sheriff, who anticipated the mob's appearance. They captured the jailor, swearing to hang him if he did not inform them of the whereabouts of the murderers. They dispatched a body of mounted men to find the sheriff and prisoners. The supposition is the jailor has divulged the whereabouts of the murderers.

Discrimination in Railway Rates.

CHICAGO, December 30.—The Board of Trade to-day appointed a committee of three to investigate the subject of discrimination in railroad rates made by the pool in favor of other cities and against Chicago. The discrimination in favor of Milwaukee in flour rates was to-day abolished. The rates from both cities henceforth will be ninety cents.

Marine News.

PORTLAND, ME., December 30.—Arrived—The steamship Sardinian, from Liverpool.

QUEENSTOWN, December 30.—The steamship Wisconsin, from New York, has arrived.

FOREIGN ADVICES.

Proceedings of the French Assembly.

Apology of the German Press to America.

FRANCE.

Assembly Proceedings.

PARIS, December 30.—In the Assembly to-day the debate on the report of the committee on dissolution was continued. The committee had submitted a motion that the Assembly finally separate to-morrow evening if the bills which wait consideration should not be disposed of.

M. Caillaux, Minister of Public Works, urged the House not to adjourn until all bills were passed.

This was agreed to, and it is therefore probable that the Assembly will meet again in January. The *Left* is greatly dissatisfied over the delay in final adjournment. The Assembly adopted all the other recommendations of the committee on dissolution, viz: That delegates to choose Senators be elected on January 9th, that they proceed to the election of a Senator on January 23, that the several elections for members of the Chamber of Deputies be held on February 20th, and both Houses meet on March 8th. The Assembly will appoint a Permanent Committee to-morrow.

GERMANY.

Count Moltke and West Point.

BERLIN, December 30.—The statement published in the *Army and Navy Journal* respecting the alleged utterance of Count Moltke on the West Point Military Academy and to pupils during the war of the rebellion in the United States is, according to reliable information, incorrect. Count Moltke, besides never having made use of the observations attributed to him, would not agree with any of the views expressed in them, and in many points even entertains opinions directly opposite.

Apology of the Press to America.

LONDON, December 31—6 A. M.—A Berlin dispatch says the meeting of the American residents to protest against the comments of the German press on America has thoroughly attained its object. The offending journals have withdrawn their unfavorable reflections. The *Standard's* Berlin special says the *National Zeitung* alone reiterates its offensive remarks in regard to the Bremerhaven crime.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Bloodshed in Cuba.

LONDON, December 30.—Reuter's Telegram Company publish a statement that the American Minister here, in the name of his Government, has addressed the British Government for the purpose of learning its views respecting a collective intervention of European powers with the object of putting a stop to the bloodshed in Cuba. The British Government has deferred answering definitely for the present. This information comes from a special and authentic source.

THE CENTENNIAL YEAR.

How Its Advent is to be Celebrated in Different Cities.

At Jeffersonville, Ind.

JEFFERSONVILLE, IND., December 30,—F. Warder, Mayor of this city, has issued a proclamation requesting all patriotic citizens to prepare for and celebrate the advent of the new Centennial year. Hanging out of banners and ringing of bells, and a spontaneous illumination, including a National salute of thirty-seven guns, will take place to-morrow night at midnight, and thus with joy and gladness celebrate the birth of the Centennial year of the nation's independence.

At Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., December 30.—Mayor Payne, of this city, has issued a proclamation recommending that the citizens join in welcoming the Centennial year. All public buildings will be illuminated to-morrow night, bells rung and salutes of one hundred guns fired.

At Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, December 30.—The City Council to-night authorized the Pres. Jacoby Cruelty to Children as janitor and interpreter. Minster had lived in the apartments where the tragedy occurred for several months. At about seven o'clock this morning groans were heard by a woman living in an adjoining apartment, who gave the alarm, and the room was broken into, when the senseless bodies of Minster, his wife and the dead body of his child were found. The man and his wife were taken to the hospital, where the doctors pronounced their wounds fatal. From the positions of the parties in bed, it is supposed that Minster first shot his child, then his wife, and lastly himself. All the parties were in their night clothes. It is thought poverty and disagreements prompted the crime.

At Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, December 30.—The committee of arrangements for to-morrow night's celebration, having sent a request to Archbishop Purcell that the Cathedral chimes be rung at midnight, received the following reply: "Yes. Let the bells of all our churches ring out on the midnight air the grandest of a nation of freemen for the natal day of a new year of civil and religious liberty, and let the fervent prayer ascend to Heaven that the blessings proclaimed one hundred years ago may last till time shall be no more."

THE WEATHER.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER,
UNITED STATES SIGNAL SERVICE,
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 30, 1875.

Local Observations.

Time.	Bar.	Ther.	Humidi.	Wind.	Weather.
7 A. M.	30.097	43	91	E.	Cloudy.
2 P. M.	30.041	68	56	S. W.	Clear.
9 P. M.	30.175	52	93	Calm.	Clear.

Mean Barometer, 30.122.
Mean Thermometer, 53.7.
Highest Thermometer, 68.
Lowest Thermometer, 37.

L. A. WELSH,
Sergt., Sig. Service, U. S. A.

Probabilities for To-day.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
UNITED STATES SIGNAL SERVICE,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31, 1875—1 A. M.

For Tennessee and the Ohio valley, rising barometer, south and west winds, lower temperatures, and partly cloudy weather.

The rivers continue slowly rising from Cincinnati to Memphis, without overflowing the danger line.

MOODY AND SANKEY.

Watch Services to be Held This Evening.

PHILADELPHIA, December 30.—At the noon prayer meeting to-day Mr. Moody preached on the Crucifixion of Christ, speaking of the importance of parents teaching children to love Jesus. A number of requests for prayer were read. The children of Philadelphia were special subjects of the prayers to-day. In the evening the Depot church was two-thirds filled, and Mr. Moody preached from the text "What think ye of Christ?" To-morrow evening watch services will be held, the doors opening at 7:30 and the service beginning at 9 o'clock, and closing at 12, changing every hour, with an opportunity for ingress and egress at 10 and 11 o'clock, closing the year with prayer.

The Senatorial Contest in Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, December 30.—The Legislature of Kentucky will convene at Frankfort, the State Capital, to-morrow. Information from that place says the members are arriving fast, quorums in the House and Senate now being there. As the Legislature has not been in session for two years, the present session is anticipated with interest by the whole State. The election of a United States Senator to succeed the present incumbent, ex-Governor Stevenson, has awakened general interest. Beside General James B. Beck, ex-Governor Leslie, Cerre Gordo Williams, and Isaac Caldwell are candidates for Senatorial honors. Public opinion is very much divided regarding who will be elected. The race is evidently between Stevenson, Beck, and Williams.

The Kansas Forged School Bonds.

TOPEKA, December 30.—The State Commissioner of the School Fund yesterday addressed a note to Governor Osborn, stating that further investigation of the case of the forged school bonds proved that the late Treasurer, Loppin, was one of the parties guilty of fraud. To-day papers in a civil suit were filed in the District Court, also a complaint made on criminal charges before a Justice of the Peace. A warrant was issued and Loppin arrested. The criminal charges are forgery, counterfeiting and embezzlement. Loppin waived an examination, and his bond was fixed at $10,000, but at this writing he had not succeeded in procuring bail.

Peace Restored in Mississippi.

VICKSBURG, December 30.—A special to the *Herald* from Summit, Miss., the place to which troops were ordered, says there were no armed bands of men in Summit at any time. On the Wednesday before Christmas several young men from Amite county, on a drunken spree, talked a good deal about Redmond, intending to frighten him. Redmond had a personal difficulty with one of the men. He became frightened, and telegraphed for troops. The dispatch says the citizens of Summit are able and willing to protect Redmond in the discharge of his duties.

A Resurrectionist Arrested.

CHICAGO, December 30.—A telegram was received here this morning stating that Dr. E. P. Wilder, who directed the exhumation of the corpse recently barreled up and sent to an express office here and directed to the Iowa Medical College, has been arrested and detained at Fairfield. Officers have been sent to bring the resurrectionist to Chicago.

SECOND EDITION

ELECTION INVESTIGATION.

Report of the Alabama Legislative Committee to Investigate the Election of Senator Spencer.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., December 30.—The Spencer investigating committee reported in the Senate, which was crowded with spectators. In summing up, the committee say he (Spencer) during the election of members of the Legislature used means to secure for himself their votes; that he abused the army, Postoffice and Internal Revenue Departments of the Government; he brought the evils of the war upon the people, caused them to flee their homes and abstain from voting. He prostituted his office for the purpose of bargains and briberies to secure votes for his re-election. He corrupted United States officials, for whom he procured Federal appointments, and forced his appointees, under threats of removal from office, to pay money and some of them to commit crimes to obtain for him his election. He caused men to be appointed to sinecure positions in the Custom House, postoffices and revenue offices, with the intent and understanding that while in office they would not be required to render service to the Government, but would get their pay, and while so paid they would employ their time in securing pledges of votes and influence to re-elect him to the United States Senate. He paid and caused to be paid money to members of the Court House Assembly to secure their votes. He paid and caused to be paid money to members of the Legislature to defeat a quorum at the capital, and hereby prevent the election of a Senator by that body, and his most trusted agent, J. J. Hinds, caused a member of that body to be drugged and almost killed to prevent his attendance. He dealt in United States offices as in merchandise to secure money and gain votes for Senator. His managers, with his concurrence, caused a State Senator for a money consideration to break his pledge of honor to another Senator, having a prearranged scheme thereby to secure a seat in the United States Senate through his said managers. He procured the wedding offices of the Senate to connive at this fraud, and to rule in violation of all parliamentary law and usage, so as to unseat a Senator elected by the people, and seat in his place a partisan of Spencer, who was not elected by the people, and who held no certificate. He caused to be filled the lobby of the Senate with armed retainers, to overawe the Senators and sustain by force and violence what he had achieved by fraud. He used his power and influence and money. He contracted through his position as Senator to debauche men in office and out, so that in his conduct he was working evil continually.

The report was received and ordered printed with the evidence, and the committee given time to prepare a memorial to the United State Senate against Spencer's further occupancy of the seat in that body. The report was signed by the whole committee, on which both parties were represented.

PORK PACKING.

A Heavy Falling Off from Last Year's Packing.

CINCINNATI, December 30.—The Cincinnati *Price Current* to-morrow morning publishes an elaborate pork packing report, with estimates for the entire season, which indicates a falling off at all interior points in the West amounting to 570,000, and with a possible falling off at the leading cities enough to make the aggregate decrease 750,000 in numbers as compared with last year. The *Price Current*, however, regards the chances favoring a final deficiency somewhat less than one million, and that taking increased weights into consideration, it many be safe to calculate that the hog crop will not materially very from 5,000,000 at last year's weights, against a decrease of ten per cent. and the packing to date at all points is approximately 3,000,000, against 4,000,000 hogs a year ago. Ohio interior points show ten to twelve pounds decrease in weights, Indiana about the same as last year, Illinois twenty pounds increase, Iowa fifteen pounds increase, Missouri thirty-five pounds increase, Kansas and Nebraska fifty pounds increase, and a moderate increase in other sections.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Condensed Telegrams from All Quarters.

—The pulp mill at the Ellenshouse Paper Mill, at Halifax, was burned last Wednesday evening. Loss $100,000.

—The tug S. S. Coe, which left Cleveland for Milwaukee last Monday, returned on Thursday, not being able to get through on account of the ice.

—At Little Rock, Ark., on Thursday, a negro named Hocker Smith shot his wife and another negro named Geo. Scott, killing both instantly. Cause—jealousy.

—The wife of C. J. Howard, proprietor of a snake show exhibiting in Little Rock, in a fit of jealousy left the show, went to a hotel and shot herself through the left lung, and died shortly after.

—The Nezperces Indians threaten to drive the settlers from the Walla-Walla Valley, Oregon. Gen. Howard has ordered two companies of cavalry from Walla-Walla to protect settlers.

—C. C. Clemens, a costumer of Chicago, shot himself in the head on Thursday morning, inflicting wounds from which he died ten hours later. It is not known whether he intended to commit suicide or not.

—The amounts of the revenue frauds involved in the seizure of distilleries in Chicago on Wednesday are greater than at first supposed. It is thought nearly three quarters of a million dollars will be found due the Government from them.

—Members of the Executive Committee of the Rifle Association of New York are in Philadelphia, trying to get ground for a rifle match at the Exposition, in which all foreign teams are expected to join. Prizes reaching $25,000 in value will be offered.

—Several passengers on the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad were fleeced out of seven hundred and fifty dollars by three-card monte men on Thursday. The gamblers jumped from the train while in motion near Randall's Station, Ohio. One of the victims followed them, and compromised by having two hundred and fifty dollars returned. The gamblers were not arrested.

—The National Rifle Association of Great Britain has accepted the challenge of the New York Association to take part in a match for small bores to be held in the United States during the Centennial celebration. Sir Henry Halford has been appointed Captain of the English, and is now busily arranging the preliminaries.

Henry V. Reignold.

A particularly gratifying announcement is that made by Ellsler & Gotthold, the enterprising managers of the Opera House, to the effect that they have arranged with Jarrett & Palmer, of Booth's Theater, New York, for the production of the splendid Shaksperean pageant of "Henry V." for the week commencing on Monday next. It is intended to present this piece with a degree of success in the way of scenery, dresses, arms, banners, insignia and accoutrements, and the leading parts are to be played by the artists who have won such fame there in the cities of the East, Mr. George Reignold,—who has proved himself every inch a king—playing the young monarch, Mr. C. Bishop presenting his unmistakable *Pistol*, and Miss Fred. Thorne stepping forth as *Fluellen*, the doughty Welshman. Other actors from Booth's Theater are also in the caste, and the entire company of the Opera House assist in the representation. Seats for Clearing House days will be the introduction of a choir of sweet-voiced London Madrigal boys and a chime of church bells lends its aid to the rejoicing on the occasion of the marriage of the King.

A Good, Durable Whitewash.

In answer to a correspondent who asks for a white wash that will stand exposure to the weather, we give the following, which we know to be good: Take half a bushel of freshly-burned lime, slake it with boiling water; cover it during the process, to keep in the steam. Strain the liquid through a fine sieve, and add to it seven pounds of salt previously well dissolved in warm water; three pounds of ground rice boiled to a thin paste and stirred in boiling hot; one-half pound powdered Spanish whiting, one pound of clean glue, which has been previously dissolved by soaking it well and then hanging it over a slow fire in a small kettle within a large one filled with water. Add five gallons hot water to the mixture, stir it well, and let it stand a few days covered from dirt. It must be put on quite hot. For this purpose it can be kept in a kettle on a portable furnace. About a pint of this mixture will cover a square yard.—*Lancaster Farmer*,

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHECKERED FRONT.

The House that Sells the Great

WHITE RIVER FLOUR,

The Best Flour

For the Money in the United States.

FULL AND COMPLETE LINE

GROCERIES.

77 Fifth Avenue,

ABOVE WOOD STREET.

HENRY M'CALLUM.

STATEMENT OF DEPOSITS AND Balances of Deposits in the BANK OF PITTSBURGH, of the amount of Ten Dollars and exceeding that sum, which within the three years next preceding the date of this Statement have neither been claimed, paid or withdrawn, with the names of the Depositors, the dates when such Deposits were made, or balances accrued, and the amounts thereof:

Names.	Residence.	Date.	Amounts.
Jane Campbell	Mary Chess	Freeport, Pa.	August 30, 1870	$ 17 57
Elizabeth McCullough	Christina Eisenbeis	Temperanceville, Pa.	June 1st, 1873	407 50
John McCallion	Irwin Station, Pa.	Feb'ry 4th, 1871	75 00
Carl Mortcheb	Yellow Creek, Pa.	July 23d, 1872	502 00
Wm. Phillips Adm'r	Pittsburgh, Pa.	May 24th, 1869	741 00
Nicholas Wolter	Pittsburgh, Pa.	June 13th, 1872	176 00
	Freeport, Pa.	March 25th, 1872	600 35
			105 00

Allegheny County, City of Pittsburgh, ss.:

MRS. ROSEBURG, Cashier of said BANK OF PITTSBURGH, being duly sworn upon his oath, does say that he believes the above Statement in relation to unclaimed Deposits to be correct.

WM. ROSEBURG, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of December, A. D. 1875.

S. SMITH, Notary Public.

ELECTIONS.

OFFICE OF THE ALLEGHENY INSURANCE COMPANY,
PITTSBURGH, December 31, 1875.

ELECTION.—AN ELECTION FOR Directors of this Company, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the company's office, No. 97 Fourth avenue, on MONDAY, January 10, 1876, between the hours of eleven A. M. and one P. M.

C. G. DONNELL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF
ODD FELLOWS' FUND ASSOCIATION,
PITTSBURGH, December 30, 1875.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Trustees of this Association, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at their office, in ODD FELLOWS' HALL, (Thirty-sixth ward), Pittsburgh, on MONDAY evening, JANUARY 3, 1876, between the hours of 7 and 9 P. M.

S. H. LAWSON, Secretary.

DECEMBER 27, 1875.

NORTHERN LIBERTIES BRIDGE COMPANY.—The Managers of this Company have this day declared a dividend of TWO DOLLARS per share, payable on and after the 3d of January, 1876.

N. H. VOEGTLY, Treasurer.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF the Stockholders of the EAGLE COTTON MILL CO. will be held at the office of the Company, in Allegheny City, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 1 P. M., on TUESDAY, January 4, 1876, for the election of officers to serve for the ensuing year, and for such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

ROBERT B. TOWNSEND, Secretary.

PITTSBURGH, December 28, 1875.

IRON CITY MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO.,
PITTSBURGH, December 27, 1875.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Company will be held at office, 167½ Wood street, on MONDAY, January 10, 1876, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3 P. M.

W. W. MAIR, Secretary.

PITTSBURGH, December 28, 1875.

BANK OF INDUSTRY,
PITTSBURGH, December 27, 1875.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECtion of Nine Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 4th, 1876, between the hours of one and two, P. M.

M. HANRAHAN, Cashier.

GERMAN NAT. BANK OF PITTSBURGH, PA.,
PITTSBURGH, December 15, 1875.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECtion for Directors of this Bank to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1876, between the hours of eleven A. M. and two P. M.

JOS. LAURENT, Cashier.

SMITHFIELD NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 14, 1875.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors will be held at the Bank, on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1876, from one to three P. M.

W. W. SCOTT, Cashier.

DUQUESNE NATIONAL BANK.—The annual election for ten Directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, No. 95 Smithfield street, on TUESDAY, January the 11th prox., between the hours of eleven A. M. and two P. M.

A. H. PATTERSON, Cashier.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 14, 1875.

ELECTION—THIRD NATIONAL BANK.—The annual election for nine Directors of this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11th, between the hours of eleven A. M. and one P. M.

W. STEINMEYER, Cashier.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 11, 1875.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK,
ALLEGHENY, Pa., December 14, 1875.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11, 1876, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

H. A. SPANGLER, Acting Cashier.

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IRON CITY NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH,
PITTSBURGH, December 10, 1875.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 11, 1876, between the hours of 2 and 3 P. M.

GEO. R. DUNCAN, Cashier.

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PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK—AN Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at its Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11, 1876, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.

F. M. GORDON, Cashier.

PITTSBURGH, December 11, 1875.

MERCHANTS AND MANUFACTURERS' NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 11, 1875.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 11, 1876, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.

W. A. SHAW, Cashier.

EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 10, 1875.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11, 1876, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

A. LONG, Cashier.

CITY NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 11, 1875.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1876, between the hours of eleven A. M. and two P. M.

J. W. TAYLOR, Cashier.

SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH,
PITTSBURGH, December 11, 1875.

ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL election for nine Directors to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1876, between the hours of eleven A. M. and two P. M.

JAMES H. WILLOCK, Cashier.

MECHANICS NATIONAL BANK.—The annual election for Directors will be held at the Bank, TUESDAY, January 11th, 1876, from two till three P. M.

WM. R. THOMPSON, Cashier.

FARMERS' DEPOSIT NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 10, 1875.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1876, between the hours of 1 and 2 P. M.

S. GEORGE, JR., Cashier.

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 11, 1875.

ELECTION—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for nine Directors to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1876, between the hours of eleven A. M. and one P. M.

R. E. WILSON, Cashier.

MEETINGS.

OFFICE PENNSYLVANIA REFORM SCHOOL,
Cor. Fourth avenue and Market street,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24, 1875.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF the Contributors to the PENNSYLVANIA REFORM SCHOOL (the House of Refuge of Western Pennsylvania) will be held at the office of the institution, corner Fourth avenue and Market street, Pittsburgh, Pa., on MONDAY, the 3d day of January, A. D. 1876, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, noon, to hear the report of the Board of Managers and to elect Officers and Managers for the ensuing year.

By order of the Board.

y81 OSIAH KING, Secy.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR OF GAS AND GAS METERS
FOR ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

DESIRING THAT THE PUBLIC should more generally avail themselves of the advantages of this office, I would give notice to persons desiring to have their meters tested to leave their orders at the offices of their respective Gas Companies, or at my office, corner of Twenty-third and Smallman streets, and they will receive prompt attention.

R. H. SMITH, Inspector.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

OLD TEA HOUSE.

TEAS, A SPECIALTY.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Wax Candles,

For Darkening Drawing Rooms in place of Gaslight.

RECEPTION TABLE.

Choice Preserves in Stone Pots,
Guava Jelly,
Pickled Lamb's Tongues,
Guava Paste,
Pate de Fois Gras,
Pickled Lobster,
Mocha Coffee.

Tarragon and Chili Vinegar, French Boneless Sardines, Fresh Lobsters, Salad Dressing, Brandy Fruits, French Snails, Sweet Pickled Fruits, Beef Tea, Garden Grown Tea.

D. M. JENKINS,
20 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an application for a Charter of Incorporation of the VAN CLEVE CHAPEL, of Sewickley township, will be made to the Court of Common Pleas No. 1, of Allegheny county, on SATURDAY, Jan. 22, 1876, at 10 o'clock, A. M. The object of said corporation is for the support of Public Worship.

R. C. CHRISTY,
Attorney for Applicants.

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CARPETS!

77 Fifth Avenue,

ABOVE WOOD STREET.

HENRY M'CALLUM.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, at Pittsburgh, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business,

DECEMBER 17, 1875.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$1,149,541 02
Overdrafts	2,527 68
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	534,000 00
U. S. Bonds on hand	2,250 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages	6,680 00
Due from approved reserve Agents	98,380 82
Due from other National Banks	31,840 31
Due from State Banks and Bankers	1,591 12
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	32,761 61
Current Expenses and Taxes Paid	1,051 21
Checks and other Cash Items	4,303 24
Exchanges for Clearing House	52,906 16
Bills of other National Banks	29,000 00
Fractional currency, (including nickels)	2,804 09
Specie	1,600 00
Legal Tender Notes	263,000 00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer, 5 per cent. of circulation	22,500 00
	$2,190,402 33

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in	$ 800,000 00
Surplus Fund	170,498 49
Other undivided profits	42,036 49
National Bank Notes Outstanding	450,000 00
Dividends unpaid	5,703 75
Individual Deposits subject to check	638,343 04
Demand Certificates of Deposit	200 00
Time Certificates of Deposit	39,000 00
Cashier's Checks outstanding	9,373 76
Due to other National Banks	64,038 12
Due to State Banks and Bankers	354 59
	$2,190,402 33

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, } ss.
County of Allegheny, }

I, R. E. Wilson, Cashier of the Citizens National Bank, of Pittsburgh, Pa., do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. E. WILSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of December, 1875.

E. T. CASSIDY, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

GEORGE A. BERRY,
FRANK BAHM,
B. L. FAHNESTOCK,
Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FARMERS' DEPOSIT NATIONAL BANK, at Pittsburgh, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business

DECEMBER 17, 1875.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$1,256,461 61
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	300,000 00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	104,737 04
Due from other National Banks	28,229 62
Due from State Banks and Bankers	127,865 49
Real Estate, furniture and fixtures	20,000 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	10,207 89
Checks and other Cash Items	5,563 85
Exchanges for Clearing House	30,872 28
Bills of other National Banks	9,645 00
Fractional Currency, (including nickels)	2,136 69
Specie, including Gold Treasury Notes	1,299 00
Legal Tender Notes	135,000 00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer, five per cent. of circulation	13,500 00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent. redemption fund	1,999 10
Total	$2,047,506 96

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in	$ 300,000 00
Surplus Fund	300,000 00
Other Undivided Profits	105,882 30
National Bank Notes Outstanding	270,000 00
Individual deposits subject to check	1,015,756 97
Due to other National Banks	20,755 30
Due to State Banks and Bankers	35,113 39
	$2,047,506 96

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, } ss.
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, }

I, S. George, Jr., Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. GEORGE, JR., Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of December, 1875.

E. T. CASSIDY, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

WM. WALKER,
D. HOSTETTER,
JAMES MARSHALL,
Directors.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Cleans Better, Scours Faster and Polishes Brighter

Than any other article in the market.

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Over all others. Although but a short time in this market it is fast becoming the popular and well-known DIRT ERADICATOR, and pronounced the

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25c Dep.		$1.50 Dep.
50c. Dep.	Prices all marked in Plain Figures at from 25 to 50 per cent. below the standard, ranging from 10 cents to $100	$2.00 Dep.

D. W. EVANS' DEPARTMENT STORE.

No. 87 Fifth Avenue, Masonic Hall Building.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PITTSBURGH NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, at Pittsburgh, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business,

DECEMBER 17, 1875.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$ 951,261 32
Overdrafts

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1875.

PETROLEUM at Antwerp 29f.

BONDS at Frankfort, new 5s, 99⅞.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 113.

THE movement among the Democratic members of the Legislature to change the Speaker of the House has evidently gained so much volume that poor PATTERSON must go. How he will accept his degradation, or whether he will fight for his position like a man, remains to be seen. The difficulty is, that the affair is set up against him, and he has not the strength to hold his own. He might possibly, take the chair, when the session opens, and refuse to entertain a motion to go into election for new officers. This done, and the fight would be interesting.

IF our telegrams on the subject are reliable, the real *status* of the Cuban negotiations is, our Government has proposed intervention, either alone or in conjunction with the several Great European Powers. They have acquiesced so far as to agree that we shall intervene, without their actual aid. They do not wish to take the initiative, but think the war should be ended, and so turn the disagreeable part of the task over to us. This probably accounts for the activity in naval preparations, and indicates that at an early day something decisive may be effected.

THE German papers have pursued the singular course of regarding the author of the dynamite explosion as a sample product of American civilization, and have been severely criticising Americans in general for the commission of that particular crime. We have learned better things in this country than to generalize in that manner, over any single event. We have all nationalities represented among us, and, at times, crimes are committed by them. But we remember that where one German, or Frenchman, or Irishman commits a crime, there are hundreds, and, perhaps thousands, who do not. It is a lesson of this character that the Americans, resident in Berlin, sought to impress by their meeting the other evening.

THE struggle over the return of ex-Queen ISABELLA to Spain discloses the fact that young ALFONSO has a will of his own, in opposition to the Ministry, when he needs to exercise it. His advisers strongly oppose the return of the Queen, while he is determined that she shall have a home on Spanish soil. She is not to come to Madrid, but to be assigned a home in some other city. Queen mothers have proven a serious trouble in Spanish politics these many years. Queen CHRISTINA was driven from Madrid, while Queen ISABELLA, her daughter, occupied the throne. The fear that irresponsible persons will meddle in politics is the cause of these hostilities. In ALFONSO's case kingly pride is involved. He imagines he is not much of a King if he has not power enough to invite his mother to see him.

THE death of Rev. HENRY BOEHM, the oldest minister in the M. E. Church, and over one hundred years of age at his death, is a reminder of the changes in the denomination, produced by a hundred years. He was Bishop ASBURY's traveling companion, and ranged over vast regions, on horseback or in buggies, holding conferences and preaching at points wide apart. Then Methodism was in its infancy, a feeble, struggling society, but full of enthusiasm and aggressive energy. The result has been the building up of a denomination among the largest in point of numbers, and strongest as regards wealth. In the standing of its membership, the quality of its Church, and the ability of its ministry, it ranks second to no denomination in the country. The centenarian who has just passed away, was an onlooker while these changes were transpiring, and in all his later addresses, dwelt on the old times in comparison with the new. He was of German descent, medium height, closely and strongly built, and of clearly marked German characteristics. His remarkable vitality, is attributable to an active, but not overwrought life, a happy temperament, and a mild, easy old age. He was greatly respected in the denomination, and cherished as its oldest minister.

THE movement among the five Central American States to effect a union less close than that among the United States, but sufficient to produce internal peace, and to lead to combined efforts against outside foes, is in every way commendable. The plan does not include a central government, but is of the nature of an offensive and defensive alliance. Hitherto they have been hostile toward each other, and this hostility has been the source of serious weakness. They should, were it possible, arrange to unite under one federal head, the separate States maintaining an independence such as they possess in this country. This would give them strength such as they can acquire in no other way. The misfortunes of the present arrangement are seen in the sad events which have transpired of late years. Brazil was permitted to overrun Paraguay,—no other State lifting a hand to aid the struggling Republic. LOPEZ was personally unpopular, but he was a vigorous ruler, and should have been sustained, as against Brazil, in order that the chain of Republics might not be weakened. So far from this being done, the Republics were unsympathetic toward Paraguay, and friendly with Brazil. So in the local wars within the Republics. Whenever an election has occurred, an outbreak has followed. Were the several surrounding Republics to declare that the will of the majority as expressed at the ballot to rule, such commotions would at once be ended. A closer union is what the Central American States need.

THE UNIVERSITY.

The completion of the endowment of the Western University is an event of far greater significance and importance to Western Pennsylvania than many imagine. It is not, strictly speaking, a denominational institution—though it may be said, as to its faculty, to be a presbyterian in its affinities. We take the liberty of suggesting that if it would reach its highest usefulness soon, it make denominationalism second to the idea of a thorough, complete, well-appointed, and thoroughly conducted University. So far as the public is really concerned, the denominational feature is of no importance. Princeton, Yale and Harvard are none the less effective, because of their denominational tendency. Yet the spirit of the day is toward liberalism in such matters, and we believe, were the University put forward as a purely educational institution, intended, as it is, to rival the best we have, and to become worthy the name of a University, it would more speedily gather around it the support it needs. It should be said for it, that its Board of Trustees is composed of gentlemen of high standing, irrespective of their religious faith, and that, so far as this goes, the institution is even now undenominational. We merely mention these things suggestingly, and not in the sense of criticism.

Few realized what a struggle the University has had for existence these many years. It is badly located—being cramped into a single building on the corner of Ross and Diamond streets. We hold that a great educational institution must have ample grounds and massive, showy buildings. The trouble with the University even now is, that it ought to have a million dollars at its command. But, unfortunately, Pittsburgh cannot seem to arouse to a great idea, or be induced to show liberality toward a project in advance of its full development, and the proof that it is financially useful to us. We have a dozen liberal-spirited gentlemen, of whom WILLIAM THAW, HENRY LLOYD, WILLIAM FREW, the executors of the AVERY estate, ALEXANDER BRADLEY and others are examples, who readily aid such enterprises, in the faith they have that they will accomplish good. Yet the subscriptions to the University were the result, as a rule, of persistent and earnest canvassing—begging, indeed, from man to man. It is an outrage, our lack of public spirit toward great public enterprises. This is the spirit which is ruining Pittsburgh. The very press, which is expected to be on the alert, and cry the alarm when the tariff is in danger, is left, by the majority of our manufacturers, without patronage, while free trade papers at the West and Northwest receive liberally of their business. The most frequently used argument for this is, that the prosperity of the manufacturer is *our* prosperity, in that their men take the papers. We beg to assure them that *advertisements* are what give material income to the press —not circulation. We need to get rid of this narrow, selfish spirit, that inspires so much backwardness in helping useful and promising enterprises.

If rightly aided and endowed, there is no enterprise among us that will work larger benefits to our city than will the Western University. It needs suitable buildings, an ample grounds, a full supply of apparatus, and an able Faculty. It has already a good Faculty, but should have a few additional departments. It has a moderate supply of apparatus and models, gathered by the hardest kind of effort. It possesses a fair library; but it has been a *struggling* institution. The force and ability of its officers and Faculty have been too largely expended in hunting money, and in making a little do a great deal. They have been compelled to pinch and economize until discouragement and weariness left but little vim for their real work. Greater devotion has probably never been manifested, than has been shown by the Faculty of the University. We have not always thought their efforts well directed, but struggling men cannot always select the wisest course. Their success deserves applause, and what is accomplished, let us hope, is only the beginning of what will be.

What is the University to us? This. It will, if made what it should be, give a literary reputation to our city. It will thoroughly educate our children at far less expense than if we sent them abroad. It will attract others from abroad, to be educated here; and through them will spread a knowledge of our industries and wares, and attract us new customers. It will advertise our city, as nothing else will do. And as its reputation becomes elevated and established it will gain in prosperity, so that in place of drawing from our citizens the means to live, it will return to them more than it has taken from them. Princeton College supports the town in which it is located. Yale does much for New Haven; and while the influence of Harvard in this sense, is not so manifest, has helped to give Boston its literary reputation, now its greatest renown. Whether our manufacturers know it or not, Pittsburgh *must* supplement its present attractions, if it would hold its volume of trade. To every keen observer, it has been patent, for some time past, not only that we were gradually losing our trade, but that unless we resorted to other than ordinary trade means to advertise ourselves, we would lose more and more. The Exposition, in the reputation it gave us, did more for our trade than its entire cost. Yet the most contributed by any manufacturer toward it was one hundred dollars! The University, in the popularity and influence it will command, if rightly endowed, will do even more. Yet how it struggles to live!

Manufacturers of Pittsburgh: we need to realize the duties which devolve upon us. The prosperity that came from the war, and that continued till after the panic, developed wealth in our midst, until we had expanded into a large and wealthy city. Our misfortune has been that too much of this wealth has been expended on public works, and too little in public enterprises which would give reputation which might bring a continuance of prosperity. We have not understood the value of progress as an *advertisement*. Let us turn over a new leaf. If gas applied to the manufacture of iron and steel will again put us in position to compete against the world, let us use all the means possible to attract trade. And among these, the University will be influential. We do not dwell on the higher motive that should animate us—the education of the poor, and the diffusion of a benign influence throughout this part of the State.

PERSONAL.

CHIEF JUSTICE WAITE is in Toledo.

THE Pope indicates that he does not hold full ultramontane ideas.

DISRAELI says a Miss Rothschild is the most spiritualistic lady in England.

MRS. JOHNSON, the wife of the late ex-President Johnson, is again seriously ill.

THADDEUS BANKS, of Hollidaysburg, fell in the streets of that place and broke his leg.

THE Rev. John Brown, of St. George's Episcopal church, Newburgh, preached his sixtieth Christmas sermon on Saturday. Mr. Brown is 84 years old.

THE Vineland *Weekly* announces the marriage of Congressman John K. Tarbox, of Lawrence, Mass., with Mrs. Mary C. Drew, formerly of Lawrence, now of Vineland, N. J.

JOSEPH P. NOBLE, of Watundi, who died last week, was one of the most prominent citizens of Bedford county. He was at one time Prothonotary and afterwards Associate Judge.

JAMES GRANT, the novelist, who is not to be confounded with James Grant, the journalist, has abjured Protestantism and been received by the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster into the folds of the Roman Catholic Church.

SISTER LA NATIVITE, Superioress of the Convent of Villa Maria, Montreal, the famous Catholic Seminary at which have been educated so many hundreds of American girls, died suddenly on the 23d and was buried on Monday.

CASSIUS M. CLAY, of Kentucky, writes to a gentleman of Washington city that his State will present his name to the National Democratic Convention in 1876 as a nominee for Vice President.

NEWS has been received of the most reliable nature that President Guzman, of the Republic of Venezuela, will be a visitor to the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, and that he will also travel extensively in the United States.

CAPT. COOK, of Yale, who has become almost as famous as his old South Sea navigating namesake, is out in a card, in which he states, among other things, "that he has never attempted to stir up strife between Yale and Harvard."

WM. A. M. THOMPSON, of Quartz Valley, Cal., recently started for his home in Iowa, which he left twenty-five years ago. During all this time, his family, consisting of a wife and nine children, heard nothing from him. He is now 74, and returns to find the home circle unbroken by death, but enlarged by the addition of fifty grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

MR. PILE, a former Minister of the United States to Venezuela, will shortly leave Caracas, on board the steamship Bolivar, for Philadelphia, as Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary of Venezuela to this country. One of the most important tasks he has been intrusted with is to facilitate the settlement of claims of this country upon the Venezuelan Government. Pile has it is understood, also solicits the intervention of our Government in grave disputes which have arisen between Holland and Venezuela.

WHEN Gen. Sherman met Gen. Judson Kilpatrick detailed to command the division of cavalry which accompanied him on the March to the Sea, he said: "*I know he is a damned fool, but then I want that kind of a man to command my cavalry on this expedition.*" Judging from the articles in the *Times* yesterday and the day before from the pen of Gen. Kilpatrick, in defense of Sherman's "Memoirs," we should say that in selecting him for his present service, the principles of the detail just referred to has been kept steadily in view.—*N. Y. Sun.*

MRS. KINGSLEY, who is editing the forthcoming "Lectures," the last work of her husband, has made arrangement by which the book is to be published simultaneously in England and America. She will dedicate the book "to Cyrus Field, J. A. C. Gray and all those who welcomed my husband to their country, and through whose generous kindness he was enabled in the last year of his life to realize the dream of his youth by the sight not only of the Eastern States and cities, but of the far West, the Rocky Mountains and the Yosemite Valley."

THE auditors appointed to distribute some $15,000 or $16,000 in the hands of the executors of the estate of Thaddeus Stevens have filed their report. It is a document of considerable length, but does not contain much matter of general importance. The claim of Mrs. Lydia Smith, Mr. Stephens' housekeeper, for $7,714, compensation for services, is disallowed by the auditors, and the claim of $4,000 by Dr. H. Carpenter, for professional services, is allowed. Several other small claims against the estate are allowed, the whole amount being about $5,000. The cost of the audit is $880.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

FIFTY thousand Hebrews carry on business in the United States.

THE public debt statement will be issued on Monday next, the first business day of the new year.

IF Alaska is annexed to Washington Territory, the latter will have an area of 640,000 square miles.

THE School Committee has again defeated the proposition to abolish corporal punishment in the public schools of Boston.

ON and after January 1st, 1876, the Anglo-American Telegraph tariff for general news dispatches will be one shilling (twenty-five cents gold) per word.

THE Madrid *Imparcial* asserts that Spain will shortly address a communication of importance to the European cabinets on the subject of Cuba.

THE Baltimore creditors of H. J. Hall & Co., dry goods and notion dealers, have attached the goods found in the store No. 5 North Howard street, and removed them to an auction house. The claims against the firm are said to amount to nearly $100,000. The property attached is valued at $4,800.

THE monument ordered by the United States Government for a memorial of the seventeen thousand Union soldiers who died in the Confederate prison at Salisbury, S. C., hrs been shipped from the quarry at Mason, N. H., where it was hewn. The main shaft is thirty-one feet long, and weighs twenty-two tons, the only lettering the inscription, "*Pro Patria.*"

THE Baltimore dealers in terrapins keep them in nearly air-tight chests, packed layer upon layer, and deprive them of food. They grow fast under the treatment, although the fatness doubtless is the result of disease. They must each measure seven inches across the under shell before they are considered fit for the table, and are then sold at $24 a dozen.

A DAUGHTER'S PERJURY.

Remarkable Confession of the Daughter of a Man Under Sentence of Death.

The fact was briefly announced by telegraph in Wednesday's GAZETTE of the excitement prevailing in Herkimer county, New York, over the confession of Mrs. Mary Davis, upon whose testimony Lodicia and Albert Fredenburg (the father of Mrs. Davis) were sentenced to be hanged on the 31st instant for the murder of Orlo Davis, an aged cripple. The following additional particulars of this extraordinary case, with the confession of the perjured daughter of the alleged criminal, will be found of interest:

The mother and the son were convicted upon the evidence of Mary Davis, the daughter of Albert Fredenburg, and wife of Franklin Davis, who turned state's evidence. On the trial Mary testified that her father told her that they (meaning the old woman and himself) intended to kill Orlo Davis; that she must assist them, and upon her refusal threatened to kill her; that she went to the barn and held the light for a time, until relieved by her father; that she then stood guard while her father held the light, and the old woman killed Orlo with the ax; that her father washed the blood from the ax; and threatened to kill her if she told of the murder. This story was told on the trial in such a simple and artless way, and the girl stood the searching cross-examination of Mr. Morgan, counsel for the prisoners, that the court, District Attorney Mills and the jury believed it to be true, and the old woman and her son were found guilty and condemned to be executed on Friday of this week. * * * Shortly after 9 o'clock Monday night, Mary Davis was brought into a room where the persons named above were. She then made the following statement:

THE CONFESSION.

The first time I heard anything about killing Orlo was about midnight; grandma first spoke about it; I was in the bed-room; she came and called me and said she was going to kill Orlo, and wanted me to carry the light; I said I would not do it; she said if I did not she would kill me; I told her I did not want to go; she said it would make no difference, that I would have to go; she made me take the light and carry it down to the barn and hold it for her; she took the ax and killed him; then we went back to the house; I went back to bed; saw grandmother next morning; father was abed when we went to the house; father did not get up; don't remember as she or me spoke to father; he did not say anything; my father did not know I was going to the barn; father did not go to the barn with me; father got up first next morning; had not yet got up when father got back from milking; when I got up saw father going toward Mr. Adams'; don't remember as grandmother said anything next morning, I went to the barn next morning to feed the chickens; grandmother stepped into the barn and looked at Orlo and came out; then we went to the house; I took the lamp to the barn that was to court; grandma took same ax that was to court-house; I stated to court on trial that father went to the barn with us; it was not true; father did not say he would kill me if I did not go to the barn, as I said in court; father did not hold the light when grandmother struck the blow; father did not wash the overalls when he came from the barn, as I swore; Almira Davis told me to swear that father went to the barn; father had no knowledge that I know of that Orlo was to be killed; Almira Davis told me to say that father went to the barn at Elisha Underwood's after my child was born."

STAY OF PROCEEDINGS PROBABLE.

Mr. Morgan will take these documents to the executive at Albany, when it is probable the request for a stay of proceedings will be granted. During the time Mary's statement was being taken she frequently said: "I feel better now that I have told the truth." Before this she declined to talk about the case with Mr. Morgan, saying that she had told all she knew about it. Her object in testifying as she did on the trial may have been to shield her husband, Franklin Davis, as it was at the suggestion of his mother, Almira, that her first story was told. Mrs. Fredenburg said yesterday afternoon "Let 'em go on and hang me." It will be a big day for Herkimer." Mary Davis' room looks out upon the yard where the gallows is being erected. Yesterday afternoon she watched the movements of the workmen intently, and when one of them happened to drop a hammer to the ground she laughed heartily at the accident. The excitement in Herkimer yesterday afternoon, when it became known that Mary Davis had contradicted her testimony, was intense. Albert Fredenburg had about given up all hope, and was prepared to die. He is much more hopeful now, however.

CRIME IN THE CITY.

Minor Police Items, Petty Larcenies, Etc.

WM. MCCLOSKEY, charged with felonious assault and battery on officer James Smith, was released on $2,000 bail yesterday.

PETER O'BRIEN, son of Michael O'Brien, who resides near the Point, was sent to the House of Refuge yesterday, by Mayor McCarthy, on a charge of incorrigibility preferred by his father.

TEN cases were disposed of by the Mayor at the morning hearing yesterday. Three were discharged. Archie Lawson got sixty days at the Work House and James Johnston twenty days for being drunk, and the balance were ordinary cases.

GEO. HART, Frank McCullough, James Harvey and Geo. Thompson, who were charged with robbing the store of Wm. Sheldon, corner of Forty-fourth and Butler streets, of eighty-five dozen of eggs, 160 pounds of honey and a lot of butter, chickens and turkeys, waived a hearing before Deputy Mayor King, yesterday, and were committed for trial.

THOMAS PATCH charged Mrs. Mary Ganther, before 'Squire Krehan, yesterday, with assault and battery, in attacking him with a broom stick. Mrs. Ganther brought a counter charge against Patch for striking her with his fist. Both parties were arrested and held for a hearing. The trouble grew out of some chickens which persisted in going away from home to roost.

MRS. CATHERINE KAYLOR made an information, before Mayor McCarthy, yesterday, charging Louisa Powell, a colored domestic, with the larceny of a gold watch, valued at $200; one pair of blankets valued at $8; and a coat valued at $20. A hearing was had in the evening and the defendant committed for trial. All the property was recovered, a part in Cleveland and the rest in this city.

PITTSBURGH COUNCILS.

A Final Meeting Yesterday.

Defeat of the Ordinance for Re-Districting the City for Street Purposes—The Ordinance Regarding City Hall Meets with the Same Fate—No Quorum in Common Council — Councilmanic Amenities.

SELECT COUNCIL.

A. H. GROSS.....President
E. S. MORROW.....Clerk

The following members were present in this branch yesterday: Messrs. Ahl, Ahlborn, Aiken, Bissell, Braun, Breed, Brown, Bruce, Buckley, Carr, Clemens, Dannells, B. Darlington, Doyle, Evans, Fahnestock, Fetterman, Finley, Froelich, Goldthorpe, Geiger, Harrison, Herron, Holliday, Hunter, Jeremy, Kerr, Kestner, Liddell, Littell, Metzgar, Meyer, Murray, Musgrave, McCandless, McCombs, McClurg, McGimpsey, Negley, O'Neil, Ray, Rodgers, Sawyer, Taylor, Vierheller, Waring, Weldon and President Gross.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. METZGAR called up for final passage the ordinance re-districting the city for street purposes, fixing the number and compensation of the Street Commissioners, and defining the duties of said Commissioners and the City Engineer in connection therewith. Passed finally in Common Council.

Mr. FETTERMAN approved the ordinance, on the grounds that the districts were too large.

Remarks were mad *pro* and *con* by a number of other gentlemen, when the question being called the vote on the adoption was as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Ahl, Ahlborn, Aiken, Bissell, Breed, Brown, Bruce, Buckley, Dannels, Darlington, Doyle, Fahnestock, Finley, Froehlich, Herron, Holliday, Hunter, Geiger, Kerr, Kestner, Listell, Metzgar, Meyer, Murray, Musgrave, McCandless, McCombs, McClurg, Negley, O'Neil, Ray, Sawyer, Shipton, Taylor, Weldon, Gross, President—34.

Nays—Messrs. Braun, Carr, Fetterman, Goldthorpe, Harrison, Jeremy, McGimpsey, Rodgers, Vierheiler, Waring—10.

The majority not being sufficient, the ordinance was lost.

Action of C. C. in adopting the viewers' report on the damages by grading of Main street, from Penn avenue to Liberty avenue. Concurred in.

Same action on viewers' report on the opening of Grandview avenue, from Washington street to Sherman street.

Ordinance authorizing the grading, paving and curbing of Second street, from Penn avenue to Duquesne Way came up on its final passage. Having received a majority of 41, the ordinance was finally passed.

Mr. SHIPTON, from the Gas Committee, reported a resolution for the erection of two gas lamps on Twenty-sixth street at the corner of Mulberry alley and Sullivan street. Adopted.

Mr. —— called up an ordinance authorizing the construction of a board walk on the north side of Grandview avenue from Washington street to Sherman street which was passed finally by C. C.

Mr. BERKLEY presented a remonstrance from citzens along the avenue against the passage of the ordinance.

On a call of the roll on its final pa sage the ordinance failed, the vote being 35 ayes, 5 nayes—not a legal majority.

An ordinance repealing section three of an ordinance entitled an ordinance providing for the equalization of taxable property was called up, but laid on the table.

Mr. MCGRAVE called up on a motion to reconsider the ordinance for re-districting the city for street purposes, etc. Motion adopted.

It being announced that C. C. had adjourned *sine die* without taking action upon the ordinance, the ordinance stands adopted in that branch with the amendment fixing the salary of each Street Commissioner at $1,000 per annum.

Mr. SHIPTON moved to rescind from the action of the day preceding, amending the ordinance. Motion adopted.

A motion to lay the ordinance on the table was lost.

Mr. SHIPTON renewed his motion to concur on its final passage.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Ahl, Ahlborn, Aiken, Bissell, Brown, B. Darlington, Doyle, Fahnestock, Finley, Herron, Holliday, Kerr, Kestner, Liddell, Littell, Metzgar, Meyer, Moore, Murray Musgrave, McCandless, McClurg, Negley, Ray, Rodgers, Sawyer, Shipton, Taylor, Weldon, Gross, President—34.

Nays—Messrs. Braun, Carr, Fetterman, Goldthorpe, Harrison, Jeremy, McGimpsey, Rodgers, Vierheiler, Waring—10.

The majority not being sufficient, the ordinance was lost.

A vigorous effort was then made by several members to get the ordinance up again on different motions, but the result was another failure.

Mr. MUSGRAVE, from the City Property Committee, called up the report and moved that the portion before stricken out awarding the contract for the improvement of Adam's Square, be approved.

Mr. METZGAR stated that the report could not be approved as desired except b t a motion to reconsider, and this would have to lay over one month. No action was therefore taken on Mr. Musgraves motion.

Mr. METZGAR reported the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of Select Council are hereby tendered to E. S. Morrow, Clerk of this Branch, for the uniform kindness, ability and efficiency with which he has performed the duties of his office. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. LITTELL offered a resolution of thanks to President Gross. A similar motion was passed at the last meeting.

Mr. SHIPTON called up the ordinance passed finally by C. C., providing for the heating, cleaning and care of City Hall by contract. Under a suspension of the rules, the ordinance was passed to its third reading. The vote on concurrence on final passage stood, ayes 13; nays 29.

An ordinance locating Grand avenue, from Brownsville avenue to Lincoln avenue, passed finally by C. C., was called up under a suspension of the rules. It being apparent from the vote on a motion to lay on the table that the ordinance could not be passed, no further action was taken upon it.

The Council then adjourned *sine die*, President Gross wishing all a "Happy New Year."

COMMON COUNCIL.

W. B. NEGLEY.....President
GEORGE BOOTH.....Clerk

After waiting for one hour and a half and sending after a number of members, at 3:45 the following gentlemen answered to their names:

Messrs. Aull, Bindley, Buckley, Connelly, Flinn, Flannery, Fox, Fritz, Foley, French, Glass, Hughes, Korr, Knowland, Nesbit, Pauline, Rowswell, Rolfe, Siebert, Speakman, Thompson and President Negley.

It was found that Mr. Knowland had left, and there being no quorum then, this branch adjourned *sine die*.

THE COURT RECORD.

U. S. District Court.

(*Before Judge McCandless.*)

R. E. Sellers & Co., debtors, Pittsburgh. An order was made extending the time of adjudication to the 20th prox., at 2 P. M., upon petition of the debtors.

Glass, Neely & Co., bankrupts, Pittsburgh. Upon petition of the assignee presented, an order was made for the sale of certain personal property, consisting of muck iron, &c.

George J. Rogers, bankrupt, Cambria county. On motion of Mr. Johnston, the confirmation of the Register's report distributing the proceeds of the sale of certain real estate is set aside, and the same recommitted to the Register, with the exceptions thereto, and the 20th proximo fixed for a hearing upon the same.

Geo. J. Thomas, bankrupt, Cambria county. Bankrupt's petition for discharge presented and the usual order granted for final hearing upon the same on the 21st prox., before Register Brotherline.

Adam N. Burchfield, bankrupt, Allegheny city. Petition for an injunction against the Teutonia Insurance Company, of Allegheny, and F. C. Muller, and motion made by Mr. Elder, solicitor, &c. The affidavit of H. F. Eggers, Esq., Secretary of the company, in opposition to the granting of said injunction, was presented by Mr. Mueller, solicitor, and after argument the prayer of petitioner was granted.

Action Trust Company, debtor, Pittsburgh. On petition for an injunction an order was made for a hearing upon the same on the 29th prox., and in the meantime restraining John Soest from performing the act sought to be enjoined.

Blackmoore & Nelson, Pittsburgh, bankrupt. On petition of the assignee presented and motion of the solicitors, an order was made for the examination of William Nelson et al., before Register Harper.

John S. Adams vs. steam tug "Storm." On motion of the proctor for libellant, D. F. Patterson, Esq., is appointed Commissioner to examine the claims filed in this case and make distribution of the fund in the registry of the Court.

United States vs. the distillery and building of Hoffman & Co. On motion of Messrs. Brown & Lambie, Joseph Friher was also allowed to intervene for thirty-four barrels of whisky.

Court Brevities.

A NEW floor is being put in the United States Court room, Custom House building.

ON Monday, January 10th, the Orphans' Court will dispose of the audit list for the December term, numbering 116 accounts.

CERTAIN papers and affidavits have been received from England to be filed in the answer of Geo. M. Wallace and McKee Rankin to the suit of the Turkish party in "The Two Orphans" case.

A PRELIMINARY injunction was yesterday granted by Judge Stowe, restraining the city from proceeding with the grading of Liberty avenue, in the vicinity of Thirty-third street. Wm. McCutcheon made the application.

A BILL in equity was filed in the Common Pleas No. 2 yesterday, by Benedict Michelheizler and wife and Louis Michelheizler against J. P. Snowden, claiming that a lot in Sharpsburg belonging to Mrs. Michelheizler had been levied on by defendant to satisfy two judgments held by him against Benedict Michelheizler, and asking the Court to restrain him from further interference with the wife's property.

UNITED STATES District Attorney Reed yesterday instituted civil suit in the United States Court against the Pittsburgh, Brownsville & Geneva Packet Company, to recover the penalty for a violation of the law prohibiting vessels from carrying gunpowder. It is charged that the explosive material was carried on the steamer Chieftain, consisting of fourteen kegs stowed forward of the coal box and near the boilers.

[From the Evening Leader.]

IN MEMORIAM.

Thomas P. Houston, Died December 28, 1875.

I.

They say that in the silent night,
When stars hung on the edge of day,
An angel, beautiful and bright,
Came down and stole my friend away,
And now the bier,
The pall—a tear,
Is all the debt our love can pay.

II.

I saw the stars shine faintly through
The vail that drapes the face of God;
But never thought, my friend, that you
Could thither like a pilgrim plod,
And thy kind face,
With all its grace,
Be hid away beneath the sod.

III.

I cannot think of you as one
Who sleeps in still sepulch'ral gloom,
Whose brief race was too early run—
Whose star but rose to light the tomb;
But that some day
You'll come this way—
A trav'ler from beyond the sun.

IV.

But if you never may return,
We'll meet you there some summer morn,
When life's pale lamp has ceased to burn,
And birds sing 'mid the tasseled corn,
'Till then farewell!
Thy parting knell
Speaks only of a spirit born.

BARTLEY T. CAMPBELL.

Pittsburgh, December 29, 1875.

Let Well Enough Alone.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

Will you permit me, through your columns, to warn the citizens of Allegheny City against the little game to which their best interests are opposed? It is nothing less than the displacement of the present efficient Superintendent of the Water Works and the reinstallment of Wm. Paul, Jr. There is no doubt that a very large majority of our citizens would regard such an event as a public calamity. Tetif they do not rouse themselves, it is likely to be accomplished. I warn the citizens that Mr. Paul is at work, straining every nerve to secure his election; and those who know him are aware that he is better qualified to manipulate the political wires than the engines of the Water Works. I think the public have not yet forgotten the inconvenience they suffered from his ott-repeated and protracted notices warning them against the free use of water for which they were heavily taxed; nor have they forgotten the conflagration on the afternoon of July 4th, 1874, which threatened to destroy the most densely populated portion of the city. I know that Mr. Paul would like to deny his responsibility for these affairs; but it is a matter of no importance now whether this was the result of Mr. Paul's incompetence or not. The citizens only remember that under his administration the water work was a failure, and that when the engines were surrendered by him, they were regarded as little better than wrecks. They know that the present Superintendent has given them an abundance of water for every purpose, and that under his administration the engines have all been put in good order and do their work with ease. Property holders therefore think it wise to leave well enough alone, and not run the risk of another water famine by placing an incompetent person in charge of the water works. It is to be hoped that Councils will administer such a rebuke that Mr. Paul will never again venture to run for an office for which he is utterly unqualified.

Since the above was written I have read Mr. Megraw's letter. I endorse every word of it, and will only add that one of the best master machinists in the city informed me that Mr. Paul was never rated higher than a second-rate hand. I. C.

ALLEGHENY CITY, Dec. 30, 1875.

[In publishing communications on this subject, we wish it to be understood that we do so solely to give all a hearing. Mr. Paul's friends have their side of the question, and we would be glad to hear from them. We do not think Mr. Paul should be blamed for the scarcity of water last year, as no doubt the engines, &c., were not in the condition to supply the city, and the fault was not his.—ED.]

Steamship Arrivals Yesterday.

Dispatches received at Max Schamberg's European Steamship Exchange and Telegraph Office, at 163 Smithfield street, announce the arrival of the steamer England, at Queenstown; Somerset, at Bristol.

Pittsburgh Bank for Savings,
No. 61 Fourth Ave., Pittsburgh.
CHARTERED IN 1863.
Assets January 1, 1873, - - $778,251.56.
OPEN DAILY from 9 to 4 o'clock, and SATURDAY EVENINGS, from May 1st to November 1st, from 7 to 9 o'clock, and from November 1st to May 1st, 6 to 8 o'clock. Interest paid at the rate of 6 per cent., computed from the 1st and 15th of each month, and if not withdrawn, compounds semi-annually, in January and July. Books of By-Laws, &c., furnished at the office.
Board of Managers—George A. Berry, President; John Scott, Jas. Park, Jr., Vice Presidents; D. R. McKinley, Secretary and Treasurer.
A. Bradley, J. L. Graham, A. S. Bell, Wm. K. Nimick, John S. Dilworth, F. Rahm, G. Follansbee, Joshua Rhodes, S. H. Hartman, Robert C. Schmertz, Christopher Zug.
Solicitor—JOHN H. BAILEY.

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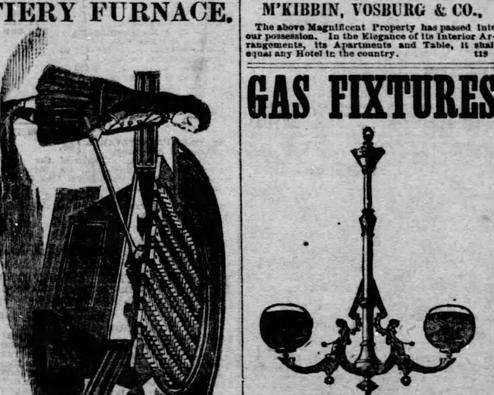
DUFF & CAMPBELL,
MANUFACTURERS OF
Window Glass
And dealers in French and Enameled Glass. As we keep in our warehouse a first-class Cutter, we are prepared to fill all orders from a single light upwards, on short notice. We select the best Sheet Glass to fill orders at our warehouse, 110 WATER STREET, between Wood and Smithfield.

STILL COMPLETE.
OUR STOCK OF
DESIRABLE GOODS
FOR GENTS' WEAR.
HENRY SMITH & SONS,
98 Wylie Ave.

REMOVAL.
THOS. WIGHTMAN & CO.,
43 Wood St., opposite St. Charles Hotel.

Window Glass
Of all sizes, cut to order.
VIALS, BOTTLES AND DEMIJOHNS.
FRUIT JARS,
Of old and Reliable Patterns.
Prices to suit times. Quality and style equal to any made in the country. sep:p57

New Improvements
FOR THE
FIERY FURNACE.



Wholesale and Retail.
A LARGE AND ELEGANT STOCK JUST RECEIVED.
WELDON & KELLY,
147 WOOD STREET.

JAMES LITTELL,
Senior Member of the Firm of
LITTELL & MECHLING,
WHOLESALE LIQUOR DEALER
NO. 237 LIBERTY AND 244 PENN STREETS.

LOUIS VERHAEGEN, MONUMENTAL SCULPTOR, Modeler and Designer in Monuments, Tombs, Altars, Figures, Busts, Statues, executed in all kinds of Stone and Bronze. Studio at the entrance of Woodlawn Cemetery, New York. Refer to Hon. Thos. M. Howe, Josiah King, Alexander Bradley and others of this parish in Pittsburgh.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1875.
Full, New, Fresh and Complete Stock of Dress Goods, Housekeeping Goods, &c. Extra Good Bargains in Every Department of the House,
AT WILLIAM SEMPLE'S,
165, 167 AND 169 FEDERAL STREET, ALLEGHENY CITY, PENNSYLVANIA.
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!
We are now receiving and will open shortly our first invoice of our own importation of Dress Goods, Dress Silks, Housekeeping Goods, Table Linens, Table Damasks, Towels and Towelings, Napkins, White Goods of all kinds, Hamburg Edgings, Kid Gloves, &c., made especially for our sales, each and all of the goods bearing our trade mark, "The Flag and the Thistle." These goods being ordered at Special Low Prices for large quantities, importing direct ourselves, and no intermediate profits between manufacturers and ourselves, it will be apparent to all that we can offer inducements equaled by but few houses in America.

Our large and rapid sales for cash enable us to make purchases late in the season of large lots of Dress Goods, &c., and also offer these at even less than manufacturers' cost of production.

Extra Good Bargains offered at present in a very large variety of
DARK DRESS GOODS
At Very Low Prices.
Our usual good bargains in
DRESS GOODS,
At 12½c, 15c and 18½c. A great assortment of Styles and Materials.
Also, at 25c, a fine line of
DARK DESIRABLE GOODS,
Including all the desirable colors, some worth from 30 to 50 cents.
FINER DRESS GOODS
Of every description, at the Very Lowest Prices.
A new and full line of
BLACK ALPACAS & MOHAIRS
Our own importation, at all the popular prices and the best possible value for the money.
The same good value in
BLACK CASHMERES!
All grades from 50c to $2.50 per yard.
Special attention is called to our line of
Dress Silks in Black and Colors,
And the low prices for them.
At $1.25, a Special Bargain in Colored Dress Silks, all the new desirable shades.
At $1.75 and $1.87½, Hand Spun Silks, usually sold at $2 and $2.25.
Full assortment from 75c to $3.50 per yard.

New and Seasonable Goods
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FINANCIAL.

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In Germania Bank Building,

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CAPITAL, ... $200,000.

D. R. DAVIDSON, President.
JOHN D. FRASER, Cashier.

Deposits received and 6 per cent. interest allowed on Time Deposits. Particular attention given to collections and proceeds promptly remitted.

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NO. 78 FOURTH AVENUE,

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Buy and sell on Commission GOVERNMENT BONDS, STATE AND CITY SECURITIES, RAILROAD BONDS AND STOCKS.

Especial attention paid to purchase and sale of all LOCAL SECURITIES of Pittsburgh and Allegheny.

FIRST CLASS REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES WANTED; ALSO $5,000 WARD SCHOOL BONDS.

DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, Dec. 31, 1875.

The close of the old year approaches with an unusually quiet money market. At the present moment there is more attention being paid to taking account of stocks and investigating cash books and ledgers than to anything else in a business way. There is still a hopeful feeling prevailing in business circles that more prosperous times are near at hand, and that the new year will witness a considerable revival of all branches of industry. The sums of money that will be paid out on the first prox., in interests and dividends, will probably stiffen the market somewhat, but aside from this we do not anticipate much perceptible change for a month or more. There is nothing new to remark in regard to stocks and real estate.

Thursday's Philadelphia *Ledger* says the share market was quite active, and especially so in Oil Creek and Allegheny River Railroad, which sold to the extent of 9,500 shares, as reported, though it is known that a much larger amount of the stock changed hands that was not recorded. The first sale of the stock was at 1½, from which it advanced to 12¾, and at one time, as we are informed, touched 13. Later in the day it sold down to 11, and closed at 11½, the fluctuations being wide and frequent. All this excitement arose from the fact of the sale of the road by Mr. Freeman, auctioneer, under foreclosure of the second, or what is known as the 7 per cent. "consolidated" mortgage. This second mortgage was for $1,100,000 on which there had been default of semi-annual interest payments. There is a first mortgage of $2,580,000. An association of parties in interest, composed of bond and shareholders in the old company, by agreement decided to purchase on this second mortgage, reorganize the company with new stock to the parties in the association, income bonds to creditors, etc., and put the new company in operation on a greatly reduced cash basis. The road was sold on a bid of $100,000. This, of course, is subject to the first mortgage of $2,580,000, makes the entire cost to the new company $2,680,000, wiping out one million of the consolidated bonds, nearly five millions of paid-up capital, and about half a million of floating debt. Only think of it, according to the purchase price the property six and a half millions of the original cost as sunk! The new organization may, and probably will, include a portion of these cut-off claims, but the fact still remains that the present value of the property, as tested by a public sale, is little more than two-fifths its cost. It is hoped that the suffering creditors of the concern may so reconstruct it as to get back as much of their endangered claims as possible. They are the parties that should have all of value that there is in the property, and their mode of operation seems likely to accomplish that end. The road is 70 long, with 33 miles of sidings, giving a total of 128 miles of railway. It is in the heart of the oil region, and should the price of that article advance, as is hoped, the oil trade may be revived, and, with the road's increasing coal tonnage, be made again profitable to the owners.

Robinson Brothers, Bankers, No. 78 Fourth avenue furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

Gold	113	5-20's 1865—coupons	122½
" 1864, full	113¼	10-40's	121½
" 1864, all called	—	Currency 6's	122¾
" 1865	115¼	New 5 per cents	116¾
" 1865, new	120¾	10-40's—coupons	117¼
5-20's 1867	122½		

RAILWAYS.

N. Y. Cen.	104¾	Ohio & Miss.	17
Erie	21¾	Illinois Central	126
I. C	96	Toledo & Wabash	24
C. C. & I. C	34	Harlem	131
St. Paul	36¾	Adams Express	93
Do. Pref	66¾	American Express	56¾
Michigan Southern	89¾	U. S. Express	62¾
Pa. Central	49¾	Wells, Fargo & Co.	82½
North Western Con	39¾	Quicksilver	17¾
Do. Pref	56¾	Fort Wayne	97
Rock Island	103¾	Central Pacific	93¾
Cleve. & Pitts	89¾	Panama	125
Pacific Mail	29¾	Iron Mountain	13
Western Union Tel	73¾		

Robinson Brothers furnish the following quotations of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board:

P. R. R. (S)	52¾	Cen. Trans (B)	45¾
Reading (B)	21¾	Empire	32
U. Cos. of N. J. (B)	125	A. V. R. R. 7-30 (B)	95
Oil Creek (B)	11¾	P. C. & St. L. 7's (B)	79
Lehigh Valley (B)	61¾		

NEW YORK, December 30, 1875.

Money 7 goldand 1-32, closing at 3@4. The shipments of specie to-day were $385,000. Prime mercantile paper 6@8. The customs receipts were $174,089. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $1,167,000. The clearings were $45,000,000. Sterling active; bankers bills 484@488.

Gold opened at 113¼, fell off to 112¾, and at the close recovered to 113. The rates paid for carrying were 6, 7, 6¾, 5, 5¾ and 3 per cent. Loans were also made flat. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars in double eagles were shipped to Europe to-day. Governments were firm. Railroad bonds were active and strong. State securities were quiet. Stocks were dull, but in the main strong. The market was without noteworthy features. The transactions aggregated 84,000 shares, of which 16,000 were Pacific Mail, 8,000 Western Union, 42,000 Lake Shore, and 3,000 Michigan Central.

Governments.—U. S. coupons of 1881, 123¾; do of '67, 122¾; new 5s, 116¾; 10-40s registered, 117¼; do coupons, 117¾; coupons of '65, 115¾; do new, 120¾; currency 6s, 122¾.

State Bonds.—Tennessee, 6s, old, 41; do 6s, new, 39¾; Virginia, old, 40; do new, 38¾; Missouri 6s, 102¾.

Stocks.—Western Union Telegraph, 73¾; Pacific Mail, 29¾; Adams Express, 93½; Fargo Express, 84; American Express, 56¾; U. S. Express, 62; Michigan Central, 59¾; Union Pacific stock, 74; Lake Shore, 89¾; Illinois Central, 97; C. C. C. & I., 58¾; New Jersey Central, 106; Wabash, 24; do preferred, 44; Terre Haute, 5; Chicago & Alton, 97¾; do preferred, 95½; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 120; Indiana Central, 103½; Hannibal & St. Joseph, 129½; Union Pacific bonds, 106¾; Union Pacific land grants, 103¾; Hariposa, 8¾; Mariposa preferred, 9; New York Central, 104¾; Erie, 15¾; do preferred, 31; Harlem, 130; do preferred, 131; Panama, 25; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 89¾; Northwestern, 39¾; do preferred, 56¾; Rock Island, 103¾; St. Paul, 35¾; do preferred, 66¾; Fort Wayne, 97½; do preferred, 99; Ohio & Mississippi, 16½; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph, 18¾; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 112¾; Central Pacific bonds, 108; Union Pacific sinking fund bonds, 94.

LONDON, December 30.—The bullion in the Bank of England decreased £324,000 the past week. The amount of bullion withdrawn on balance to-day was £28,000. The proportion of reserve to liability is 53¼ per cent. The Directors of the Bank of England to-day fixed the rate of discount at 4 per cent. The rate of discount in open market for three months' bills is 3⅞, or ½ below the Bank of England rate; for money at the Stock Exchange on Government securities 3. Consols: money and account, 93 15-16; 5-20s of 1865, 104; 5-20's of 1867, 107½; 10-40s, 105 1-4; new 5s, 105½; New York Central, 86; Erie, 14¾; do preferred, 29.

PARIS, December 30.—The specie in the Bank of France increased 9,782,000 francs in the past week. Rentes, 60f. 85c.

FRANKFORT, December 30.—New 5s, 99¾.

Receipts of Bloom, Ore, Pig Metal and Scrap Iron.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY R. R.

Shoenberger & Co.	4
Byers, M. & Co.	2
Total	6

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD.

Nimick & Co.	6
Carnagie & Co.	11
Byers McC & Co.	5
Smith S. & Co.	2
Isabella Fur. Co	4
Total	29

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.

S. B. & Co.	10
Jones & Laughlin	1
Cambria I. Co.	35
Lucy Furnace Co.	3
Soho Furnace Co.	3
Isabella Fur. Co.	4
Phillips S. & Co.	3
Gibson & R. m.	1
Total	69

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

DAILY REPORT OF PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, December 30, 1875.

The fine weather, more suitable for April or May than December, does not improve business, which has been, as it usually is at this particular time, very dull for a couple of weeks past, but it is hoped and expected that there will be a revival early next month.

APPLES—The market continues dull and prices are unsatisfactory, being no better now than in the fall; as they have commenced to decay, holders generally are anxious to realize. We continue to quote at $3a3.50 per bbl for fair to choice.

APPLE BUTTER—70a75 per gallon.

BEANS—Continue dull, with the market largely overstocked. Navies quotable at $1,25a1,30 to the trade, and $1,40a1,50 per bush. in a small way.

BROOMS—"Union Factory" prices: No. 2 common, $2,25; No. 3 hurl, $2,50; No. 4 hurl, $3,00; No. 5 hurl, $3,25; No. 6 hurl, $3,50; No. 3 carpet, $3,75; No. 4 carpet, $4, No. 5 carpet, $4,25; Steamboat, $3,75; toy, $1,50; whisks, $1,50a2,00 per dozen.

BUTTER—Has been coming forward freely during the past few days, and while prices, especially for fine table butter, are maintained, the market is easier. Prime to choice rolls selling at 28a30c; medium to good, 20a25c; common, 12a15c.

BROOM CORN—Hurl, 10¼a11¼c; Choice Green brush, 9¼a10c; Red Tipped, that will work up 7¼a8c; Red Tipped Short, 6a6 1-2c; Crooked, 5a6c.

CHEESE—Trade in this article continues very light, but prices remain as last quoted —prime Ohio Factory, 13½a14c; ditto New York, 14a14½c.

CIDER—Continues dull, but the supply in this market is small; quotable at $5a7 per bbl., according to quality and size of barrel.

CRANBERRIES—$10a11 per bbl.

DRIED FRUIT—Sales of choice bright Apples at 10½c in round lots. Peaches selling at 13a14c for prime new halves; mixed, 12a12½c.

DRESSED HOGS—7½a8c.

EGGS—Market dull, and prices are easy —fresh, 27a28 cents; pickled, 26a25c.

FLOUR—We have to report a continued quiet market, and prices are easy but unchanged. Quotations, in a jobbing way, may be given as follows: New red winters, $6a6,75 and $7 for old; spring wheat flours, $6,25a6,50 for Wisconsins and $6,65a6,75 for Minnesotas. Rye Flour continues dull; $5a5,25 per bbl. Buckwheat Flour—the receipts are increasing, and the market is easier in consequence; 3a3½c per lb.

GROCERIES—Trade continues dull, and the leading markets present nothing really important to which reference has not previously been made. As noted in our report of yesterday, Coffee is weak and drooping.

SUGARS.

Cut Loaf	12½	Standard B	10¾
Crushed	11¾	Standard A	10¾
Granulated	11¾	Refined Yellows	9¾@ 9¾
Powdered	11¾	N. O. new crop	8¾@ 9¾
Standard A	10½		

COFFEES.

Fancy Rio	25	R. Rio, lb pkgs	23½
Prime Rio	24@25	R. Rio, lower	22½
Good Rio	23	Roasted Java	40
Old Gov. Java	34		

RICE.

Carolina	8	Rangoon	7

TEAS.

Young Hyson	45@1 00	Japan	40 @ 85
Gunpowder	50@1 10	Oolong	35 @ 85
Imperial	80@ 90	Souchong	35 @ 75

Val. Raisins, per lb	11½	Turkish Prunes	8 @ 9
L. Raisins, per box	3 25	French Prunes	10 @12
Currents, per lb	8		

SYRUPS.

Choice	70 @75	Fair	55 @60
Prime	65 @70	Dark	45 @50

MOLASSES.

N. O. choice	75	N. O. strictly prime	63
N. O. prime	65	Demarara	50@55

SOAPS.

Best Wax	27¾	Babbit's Best, per box	3 25
Superior Family	6¾	White Russian, per box	3 25
Woman's Friend	5¾		
Duchess, per box	3 50		

GRAIN—The grain markets continue very quiet; dealers generally report a very light demand, and with increased receipts and offerings, there is an easier feeling, but, as yet, no quotable decline in prices. New Penna. and Ohio red Wheat, $1,29a1,30 for fair to strictly prime; northwestern red, $1,35a1,37; new white, $1,30a1,40. There is more inquiry red than white, and not much for either. New Corn is still quoted at 50a 55c for shelled on track, and 45a50c for new ear, according to condition and quality. Old Shelled, 63a64c for prime yellow, and dull. Rye, 80a83c. Nothing doing in Barley. Oats unchanged; Ohio and Penna. mixed, 39a40c; ditto white, 42a43c.

HAY—The receipts of baled have been increasing for some days, and the market is generally reported dull, but prices remain about as last quoted. Upland prairie, $12a14; timothy, $18a20. Loose, from country wagons, $17a22.

ONIONS—The demand is light, and the market overstocked and very dull; small sales at $1,25a1,30 per bbl.

MILL FEED—The arrivals have slacked off, but the supply continues in excess of present wants, which are very small. Bran quoted, on wharf and track, at $14a15; Seconds Shorts, $16a18; Middlings and Chopped Feed at $19a21.

POTATOES—Are coming forward more freely, and with increased offerings and a very light demand, the market is dull and lower; prime Peach Blows, on track, 40a42c; other kinds, 33a38c. The great bulk of the receipts are Peach Blows.

POULTRY—There is a continued good demand for dressed, and prices are well sustained; Chickens, 12a13 per lb; Ducks and Turkeys, 15a16c. Live Chickens, 45a55c per pair, by the coop.

PROVISIONS—As will be seen, we have reduced our quotations for Hams and Sides; the former have dropped a full cent within a couple of weeks. The tendency for the entire product is downward.

Hams—Extra S. C. per lb	15	Lard, in bbl barrels	14
Shoulders, Ex. S. C.	11	Lard, Ref. for summer use, in tierces	—
Ex. East Bacon	13	Do. in 5 lb pkgs	—
Dried Beef, Ex. Sugar Cured, old	15	Do. in buckets	—
Do.	14	Do. 3 lb caddies	16¾
Beef Tongues, S. C. per doz	6.75	Do. 5 lb do	16¾
Bacon Shoulders	10	Do. 3 lb pails	17¾
Side Bacon	12¾	Do. 5 lb do	17¾
Short Rib do	12½	Ham Sausage	9½
Clear Sides	14	Carlon Oil	17
Mess Pork, per bbl	21.00	Cheese	14
Family Mess Pork	21.00	Pig's Feet, in kegs	—
Short Cut Pork	21.00	Do. do. bbls	—
Lard, Prime Leaf in tierces, per lb	12½	Do. do. bbls	—

RAGS—Steady at 3c per pound for good country mixed.

SEEDS—There is little or no demand for either Clover or Timothy Seeds, and prices are nominal.

TALLOW—Chandlers Tallow, city rendered, 10a10¼c; country do., 8¾a9c.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, December 30, 1875.

ARRIVALS.

Following shows the arrivals for each day during the week and the aggregate, as well as the aggregate of the preceding week:

Cattle.

	Through.	Local.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Friday	62 cars.	2 cars.	18 cars.	4 car.
Saturday	— "	4 "	5 "	5 "
Sunday	22 "	3 "	16 "	5 "
Monday	7 "	3 "	— "	3 "
Tuesday	— "	31 "	12 "	4 "
Wed'day	— "	15 "	16 "	4 "
Thursday	8 "	7 "	18 "	8 "
Total	—	—	—	—
Total last week	99 "	65 "	85 "	33 "
	130 "	109 "	213 "	101 "

CATTLE.

The supply during the past week was the lightest we have had to record since the railroad engineers were on a strike and there was no transportation; only 65 cars of yard cattle for the entire week; we have often a greater number in a single day, and then, as will be observed, the run of through consignments was correspondingly light. While the demand was by no means active, the attendance of buyers having been small, sellers, as might be expected in view of the very limited supply, were enabled to force prices up from ½ to ¾ of a cent per lb., but the advance checked trade, causing buyers to take hold sparingly, and the volume of business was remarkably small.

The average quality was mostly common, although there were some few good droves. L. Holderman sold 5 cars of choice 1,625 lb. Ohio steers to Simon O'Donnell, for shipment to New York, at 6¾c, and John Ardis paid 6¼c for 2 carloads, to go to Philadelphia; these cattle would not have brought the prices they were sold at last week by 25 to 35c per cwt, and the advance on the common and medium grades was even greater. There were no Texas or native stockers on sale, and there was not much inquiry for these grades. Dealers are apprehensive that the improvement in prices will cause an oversupply, and, if so, a reaction is sure to follow, and it would be well for western operators who are shipping to this market, to exercise great caution in buying, as the immediate future, to say the least, is very uncertain.

At noon to-day, when we left the yards, there were some 8 or 10 cars unsold, the most of which arrived during the forenoon, and as buyers generally appeared to have all they wanted at the advanced rates and holders were unwilling to make any concessions, it is probable they will have to go on in first hands. Philadelphia buyers bought 40 cars this week; New York, 5 cars, and country dealers and local butchers, 15 cars. Following may be regarded as the ruling

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Borax, ref'd 12a 15
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Buchu 14a 25
Cabonat Am 1.37
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Chams, 6or 20
Rom
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Cincho. Pale 70a 80
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Ex. Logw'd 12¾a14
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Borax' 6a 7b
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Logwood 12½a 13
Madder 12a 17
Magnes, Cal 80a1.00
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MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

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CHICAGO, December 29, 1875.

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PROVISIONS — Pork generally unchanged and some sales rather higher; $18.95 spot; $19 January; $19.27 1-2 February. Lard quiet but steady; $12.15 spot; $12.30a12.32 1-2 February. Bulk meats steady and unchanged.

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Aloes, cape	16a 26	Magnes, Cal	80a1.00
A Earb	60a 65	Carb	30a 35
Socot		Manna, Flo	97
Alum	3½a 4	Morph. Sul.	4.40a4.60
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Bay Rum	2.75a4.00	Gin. Jam.	28a30
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Stn bbl

HOME NEWS.

Ohio River Improvement Meeting.

A meeting of the business men, merchants and citizens will be held at the Chamber of Commerce at 11 o'clock to-day, to consider the matter of the improvement of the Ohio. Col. Merrill will be present and explain the plans for locks and dams. A large turnout is desired and expected.

Charged With Perjury.

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House Thieves.

George Fisher, living near Bakerstown, on the Butler plank road, reported at the Mayor's office yesterday that on the night preceding, a valuable horse and a set of harness had been stolen from him. During the night two men driving a horse resembling Mr. Fisher's were observed coming in the direction of Allegheny, the horse being attached to a jagger wagon. A spring wagon was found on the road by Mr. Fisher while on his way to the city, and it was somewhat demolished. It is supposed it was stolen after the horse and harness of Mr. Fisher's horse and harness, and that they afterward abandoned it for the jagger wagon, which they got somewhere else on the road.

Exposition Matters.

A meeting of the Investigating Committee of the Tradesmen's Industrial Institute was held yesterday morning, and a report agreed upon. Mr. Dunlap was appointed to put the report in writing, and another meeting was held in the afternoon to finally adopt the report. It is presumed this will be done, although the committee declines to make anything further public until the meeting of the life members which appointed it is held.

The Board of Directors met on Wednesday evening, and organized by electing Major J. D. Callowhill, President; J. Owens, Treasurer, and Mr. Johnston, Secretary. Nine of the Board were present, viz.: Messrs. A. M. Brown, W. J. Kountz, Alex. Nimick, James Johnston, S. P. Owens, J. Bissell, S. S. Mitchell, Columbus Coleman and R. Monroe.

Captain Paul Boyton.

when asked by a New York *Herald* reporter, the other day, whether he intends swimming across the Atlantic in his swimming dress, laughingly replied, that for the present he would not go that far. The Captain is undoubtedly aware that he could not "run opposition" against the Inman Steamship Companies, when a steamship makes the trip from New York to Queenstown in seven days and eighteen hours, as did the Inman Line steamer City of Richmond on her last trip. Mr. Max Schamberg, the well known steamship agent here, who represents the Inman, as well as other lines, will, therefore, continue to book passengers to and from the old world, and assures us that swimming dresses will not be used for crossing the Atlantic in future centuries to come. Parties having European business of any kind will, therefore, do well to call at 163 Smithfield street.

Pittsburgh Comitocee.

Several committees of Pittsburgh Councils held meetings last evening.

The Wharf Committee approved the following pay rolls for December, last week, viz.: Ninth Side, $175.72; South Side, $108.53.

The Market Committee approved the following report of expenditures and receipts for December: Expenditures—Diamond Market, $343.95; Ninth ward, $25; Fifth avenue, $322.69; Superintendent and Clerk, $300; South Side Market, $123.69; total, $1,091.33. Receipts—Diamond Market, $3,329.22; Fifth avenue, $150.22; South Side, $700.10; Fifth ward, $6; total, $4,186.28. A vote of thanks was returned to Superintendent Caskey and Clerk of Market Long, for their efficient services during the past year.

The City Property Committee approved bills amounting to $892.19.

The Printing Committee approved bills amounting to $1,383.40.

The committees then all adjourned *sine die*

The New Wrinkle.

The Boston innovation in regard to the publication of the names of the ladies who propose to receive calls on New Year's day finds general appreciation among the ladies of the country. To our invitation, published in our issue of yesterday morning, we have received the following reply, and we warrant that good cheer will be provided for the visitors of our fair respondents:

TO THE EDITORS OF THE GAZETTE: We noticed your advertisement this morning. We ladies have all come to the conclusion to spread our names and address for publication.

Mrs. Yeager, Stockton avenue, Allegheny.

Mrs. Bunker, Stockton avenue, Allegheny.

Laura Kinney, 178 River avenue.
Lena Shingle, 128 River avenue.
Annie Keown, 136 River avenue.
Mrs. Albers, 140 River avenue.
Belle McKenny, 149 River avenue.
Emma McKenny, 149 River avenue.
Kate Faulkner, 99 Lacock street.

Third Street Ordinance.

A determined fight was made in the Select Council yesterday to obtain the final passage of the ordinance re-districting the city for street purposes, and fixing the salary of the Commissioners, but the opposition proved too heavy. The status of the ordinance yesterday upon the opening of Council, was that it had been passed by all of Council, except Section 1,009, as the Committee of the Whole passed in Select session on Tuesday, fixing the salary of the Commissioners of the First and Second Districts at $1,200. The ordinance had therefore been laid over in order to allow the amendment to be printed.

The first effort yesterday in Select Council was to pass the ordinance finally, as amended. This could be done, under the rule, if it was sustained that Common Council had adjourned *sine die*, thereby making it necessary, in order to pass the ordinance in Select, to rescind from the action of the day before, and pass the same amendment. This by motion was done, and then another effort was made to pass the ordinance as it came from the Common Council. The effort to override the rule was less than on the first motion for final passage. Earnest efforts were then made to obtain a reconsideration, but it being apparent that the ordinance was dead, those favoring its passage were finally compelled to give up the thankless task.

Hymeneal

A felicitous illustration of the irresistible power of that hymeneal law of gravitation which brings two congenial hearts together, was furnished last evening, at the residence of Mr. B. McCracken, No. 25 Union avenue, Allegheny City. The parties chiefly concerned in the interesting matter were our young friend and colleague, Mr. John S. Ritenour and Miss Anna V. McCracken, eldest daughter of the host. The occasion was graced by the presence of a small company of the more immediate relatives and friends of the contractually inclined pair—and the genial influence of the occasion seemed to have entered all hearts, for it was pleasant a company as one could wish gathered even on such a special occasion. The event of the evening, the marriage ceremony, was arranged to come off at about half-past five o'clock, and at that hour the young couple, unattended, stood in the presence of the company and the minister, to take part in the ceremony which was to unite them for the journey of the years together. The service was performed happily, by the Rev. W. H. Gill—brevity and grace being the characteristics of the ceremony. Then followed congratulations from parents, other relatives and friends, which, however, were interrupted by the call to the wedding feast—a feast that would have found favor in the eyes of the most esthetic for its exquisite arrangement, and gratified the most satiated epicure by its abundance. After supper, an hour or more was delightfully whiled away in the enjoyment of social intercourse, and music, while the intervals were filled in by inspection of the presents, which comprised articles of utility as well as elegance and adornment, silver ware being chiefly conspicuous. Shortly after seven o'clock, the flow of conversation and genuine enjoyment was interrupted by the withdrawal of the bridal pair, who started on the early train for Washington city via the P. W. & B. Railroad.

Our associate, who has thus bade good-bye to bachelor life, is one of whom we can only speak in terms of most hearty commendation. In the discharge of the duties of his position he has always exemplified the rare merits of faithfulness, industry and ability—whilst in his social intercourse he has won the sincere regard of all with whom he has been called to mingle—those who know him best esteeming him the highest. If none but the brave (which in this instance signifies the very meritorious, as well) deserve the fair, then our colleague was richly entitled to the kind attentions of the wise Fates who directed him in the selection of a life companion. The young lady who has thus entered with him into connubial partnership, we are glad to know is one whose superior loveliness of person and character as well as mental excellence are proverbial in the circles in which she moves, and have won her the sincere esteem and loving regard of all who have been privileged to be numbered among her acquaintances or friends. We congratulate our young friends upon the auspicious auguries which seemed to cluster around their union, and in joining our good wishes with those of other friends, we also add the hope that the rare beauty and sunshine of this wedding day in the midst of the holidays may be but typical of the beauty and radiance which shall crown the future pathway as they journey up the hill of life together.

Housekeepers would find their flannels, Calico, &c., much improved by using Hance's Concentrated Lye in place of the common kind; it saves half the labor in washing or cooking, and gives better satisfaction. 1

ALLEGHENY COUNCILS.

Special Meeting Last Night.

Closing Up Business for the Year—The Reports from the Various Departments—Some Interesting Facts and Figures.

A special meeting of Allegheny Councils was held last evening for the purpose of disposing of the unfinished business in the Councils, and also to receive the annual reports of the committees and city officers.

SELECT COUNCIL.

J. C. PATTERSON.....President
R. T. WHITE.....Clerk

The following members were present: Messrs. Cochran, Callery, Davis, Heagy, Hitchcock, Hoffman, Knox, Kreiling, McRoberts, McKelvey, Ober, Reed, Smith, Slack, Waltos, Wittmer, Voegtly and President Patterson.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was, on motion, dispensed with.

Mr. N. H. VOEGTLY, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following annual report of Controller Brown, in relation to the financial affairs of the city:

DEPARTMENT OF CITY COMPTROLLER, }
CITY OF ALLEGHENY, Dec. 30, 1875. }

To the Honorable the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny.

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the requirements of the ordinance describing the duties of this office, I have the honor of transmitting herewith, to your honorable bodies the Eleventh Annual Report of the Comptroller, exhibiting in detail the receipts and disbursements, and the various other transactions of the financial department of the municipal government during the fiscal year commencing January 1, 1875, and ending December 31, 1875, both inclusive:

The cash balance in the City Treasury January 1, 1875, was	$ 13,806 27
The total receipts from all sources during the year were	$1,049,451 55
	$1,063,257 82
The disbursements for the same period, including expenditures for the improvement and enlargement of the reservoir, construction of main sewers and the completion of the Troy Hill Road were	$1,018,904 99
Balance	$ 44,352 83

THE DEBT OF THE CITY.

The Entire Bonded Debt of the City, January 1st, 1875, was	$1,574,500 00
Troy Hill Bonds Issued During the Year	15,000 00
Sewerage Bonds Issued During the Year	40,000 00
Water Bonds Issued During the Year	75,000 00
Total	$1,704,500 00
Less Amount Retired During the Year	30,500 00
Total Bonded Debt January 1st, 1876	$1,674,000 00

The indebtedness as stated above is classified as follows, viz.:

Municipal Bonds	$44,000 00
Renewal Bonds	117,000 00
Wharf Improvement Bonds	28,000 00
Water Main Extension Bonds	553,000 00
City Park Bonds	140,000 00
Railroad Compromise Bonds	204,000 00
Sewerage Bonds	345,000 00
Refunding Sewer Bonds	140,000 00
Troy Hill Improvement Bonds	70,000 00
City Property Bonds	30,000 00
	$1,674,000 00

BONDS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR.

Troy Hill Improvement Bonds	$ 15,000 00
Sewerage Bonds	40,000 00
Water Bonds	75,000 00
	$130,000 00

BONDS RETIRED DURING THE YEAR

City Park Bonds First Issue	$20,000 00
Manchester Bond	500 00
Municipal Bonds	7,000 00
	30,500 00
Indebtedness of the City Jan. 1, 1876	$1,674,000 00
Indebtedness of the City Jan. 1, 1875	1,574,500 00
Increase of debt during the year	$ 99,500 00

The bonded debt although it has increased during the past year $99,500 00 is still so small in comparison to the wealth and population of the City as to afford a source of congratulation and pride on the part of our citizens.

The issue of bonds constituting the increase of the debt during the year has been entirely for the improvement of the reservoir, construction of main sewers and the completion of the Troy Hill road.

The necessity for the first named improvements, that is, the enlargement and strengthening of the reservoirs, impressed itself upon every thoughtful citizen, as the great scarcity of water of late years, was seriously felt by all, and the work now completed has removed the only complaint that existed with a view of removing all ground of complaint in this direction. This has been accomplished, and with a very small outlay compared with the great resulting benefit to the city.

To the construction of main sewers is chargeable a portion of the years increase of indebtedness, and their paramocent necessity was to adhere to all the city limits in a measure of vital importance as well as for the comfort and convenience of the public.

The Troy Hill Improvement Bonds, whilst an addition to the debt of the city are secured by liens upon the property benefitted, and their payment will ultimately be made by the owners of property for whose convenience the road was principally constructed, and that the city would of not be called upon to

The bonded debt with which our bonds are ranked, speaks well for the credit of the city, and our financial reputation is such that they will not depreciate below their par value, unless by the most willful extravagance on the part of the city government, which will tax the city limits in excess of bonds to the making of permanent improvements, which are absolutely necessary to the public, and must largely add to the value of property in the vicinity where the bonds will be sustained and its bonds will continue to be in demand.

The necessity now imposed by law for creating a sinking fund to meet both principal and interest of all municipal bonds is a complete guarantee for their ultimate liquidation.

The various committees of Councils have wisely limited their outlays in the main to the appropriations made at the beginning of the year, and the means for carrying on the government of the city have been kept available, the only deficiency occurring has been in consequence of failure to collect with the usual promptness the taxes levied. The prevailing stringency in money matters and the depression in all branches of industry throughout the year have caused this falling off, and to meet this passing difficulty Councils resorted to a temporary loan, which will be liquidated as fast as the taxes of the current year are collected.

I here append a statement of the account of the Treasurer with the city.

D. Macferron, City Treasurer, in account with the city of Allegheny.

RECEIPTS.

January 1st, 1875.

To Balance on hand	$ 13,806 27
Park Fund No. 1	28,276 34
Poor Fund No. 1	112,603 82
Poor Fund No. 2	137,646 83
Sewer Fund No. 1	38,352 98
Sewer Fund No. 2	40,328 77
Temporary Loans	105,692 17
Proceeds of Water Bonds	75,864 90
24 Assessment Water Rents	2,231 24
Markets	18,815 89
Business Tax	13,166 53
Wharves and Landings	1,771 90
Diamond Scales	2,248 98
4th Ward Scales	161 25
21st Ward Scales	3,261 25
City Taxes	153,517 68
Wood and Bark	1,422 87
Street Permits	1,214 00
Sundry Sources	2,781 98
Interest on Unexpended Balances	2,385 17
Fines and Forfeitures	5,358 39
Delinquent Taxes of 1874	88,062 95
Lot Regulations and sewer Permits	674 00
Vehicle License	9,680 66
Knapp's Battery Rent	157 50
Water Rents, new Buildings	1,235 50
Rent of Water Scales Lot	225 00
Water Rents per Metre	7,220 18
Sale of Ferrules	874 00
Rent Seminary Property	3,174 43
Water Taxes	78,269 72
P. Ft. W. & C. R. R. Co.	3,600 00
P. A. & M. Pass. R. W. Co	2,117 67
U. S. P. O. Department Rent	1,600 00
Pleas'st Val'y Pass. R. W. Co	100 00
Board of Health	277 00
Proceeds of Troy Hill Bonds	15,000 00
Interest on Sinking Fund	2,297 74
Grading and Paving Streets	49,093 59
Construction of Sewers	16,100 24
Opening and Widen'g Streets	22,112 35
Construction of Board Walks	86 43
	$ 1,063,257 82

DISBURSEMENTS.

Park Fund, No. 1	$ 31,585 00
Park Fund, No. 1	110,218 29
Poor Fund, No. 2	137,138 72
Sewer Fund, No. 1	32,882 50
Sewer Fund, No. 2	42,088 71
Bills Payable	26,646 50
Refunding Sewer Assessments	58 64
Appropriation No. 1	34,618 22
" " 2	44,318 91
" " 3	63,725 48
" " 4	6,574 20
" " 5	50,113 98
" " 6	1,370 24
" " 7	2,683 67
" " 8	42,737 92
" " 9	32,148 43
" " 11	102,838 22
" " 12	2,078 41
" " 13	12,889 77
" " 14	63,725 48
" " 15	1,890 00
" " 16	4,473 32
" " 17	3,278 72
" " 18	30,000 00
" " 19	342 56
" " 20	16,940 28
" " 21	8,150 62
" " 22	2,822 25
Troy Hill Improvement	14,638 34
Four per cent. Sinking Fund	5,097 85
Interest on Sinking Fund	2,297 74
Special Assessments—Grading and Paving Streets	59,188 00
Special Assessments—Construction of Sewers	19,954 23
Special Assessments—Opening and Widening Streets	2,046 20
Special Assessments—Construction of Board Walks	15 26
Balance	44,352 83
	$1,063,257 82

In closing this report, I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to your honorable bodies, and to all of the city officers, for the many courtesies extended, officially and otherwise.

For further information, I respectfully refer you to the accompanying detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES BROWN,
Comptroller.

The same gentleman presented the monthly report of the Controller, which was approved and the several bills ordered to be paid.

Also, the Water Assesser's report, which has already been published. It was also ordered to be printed.

STREET COMMITTEE.

Mr. VOEGTLY, from the Street Committee, submitted the annual report of that committee. They reported that the only streets ordered to be graded and paved and are still unfinished are Charles street and McClure avenue, but they are fast approaching completion. They also recommend that a main sewer be placed on McClure avenue during the coming year.

For further details the Committee refer to the reports of the Street Commissioners and City Engineer. They commend these gentlemen and the Street Inspector for the faithful performance of their duties.

REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER.

The following is the report of the City Engineer:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith submit a report of the business and operations of this department for the current year:

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.
(Grading and Paving.)

The total length of streets graded and paved during this year is 11,352 feet, or, in round numbers, 2 15-100 miles, at a cost of $112,199.98.

STREET OPENINGS.

Ten plans for proposed openings and extensions, with estimates of cost, showing property affected by and contiguous to such improvements, and representing in length some 1 95-100 miles of public work, have been prepared. In addition to this work, assessment plans for the use of the viewers have been made for most of the streets mentioned on this list.

STREET GRADES.

Levels have been run and profiles made for twenty streets, aggregating a length of 6¾ miles.

This work (openings and grades) in addition to other miscellaneous surveying, lot regulations, and staking out and estimating work at the new reservoir was done by the survey corps, comprised of three men, Mr. Charles Ehlers engineer in charge, Chas. J. Read, Draughtsman, and Edward Eckert Assistant, Mr. Read occupying a portion of his time with Mr. Carlisle on streets.

From the accompanying plats it will be seen that some 47 miles have been paved from 1867 to 1875 inclusive, and at a cost of $1,490,852.35.

The city now contains 77 15-100 miles of paved streets—the full work of the year on street construction does not show on the tabulated list. Two large streets let in 1874, Charles street and McClure avenue—the former costing some $75,000, and the latter some $55,000 are still incomplete, about one-third of the work on each remaining to be done.

Street work is now confined principally to the outside districts, or to improving the avenues of communication between these districts and the old city. The rough, undulating character of the country, forming this new portion, makes these improvements very expensive and unsatisfactory under the present street-paving law based on an equal assessment on the foot front. This law, while it is perfectly equitable where the property is comparatively level, as in the old wards, is very defective when applied to streets on side hills, and through irregular sections where cuts and fills are made of from 20 to 55 feet in height, or where immense retaining walls are required to hold a street from burying lower lying property or streets.

Attention was called to this matter in the annual report of 1873, but as yet no change has been made. Unless this law is revised it will seriously embarass the city in prosecuting needed improvements in this direction.

The four great thoroughfares and outlets of the city, Butler Plank Road, Saw Mill Valley Road, Perryaville Road, and New Brighton Road, are in pretty much the same condition they were ten years ago. This is to be attributed in a measure to the want of a proper paving law.

There is also a serious defect in the street opening law. In assessing benefits and damages by the Board of Viewers, the question of grade is not considered. This in many cases would be a far more important element in determining the proper award, than the actual amount of ground appropriated.

In making views for street openings the grade and plan should be considered together.

The work on street construction falls under the charge of the first assistant, Mr. Wm. K. Carlile, assisted by Mr. Charles J. Read and Mr. Fred. A. Gwinner.

Mr. Israel V. Hoag still continues as Inspector of sewers, and makes a faithful and efficient officer.

LOT REGISTRY.

One thousand property descriptions have been entered and plotted during the year. This work is performed by Mr. John S. Nichol, the general office clerk, in connection with his other duties.

LOT SURVEYS.

During the year one hundred and seven surveys have been made, realizing to the city $547.

SEWER PERMITS.

One hundred and ——— Proceeds—$313—mits were issued during the year.

SEWERS.

The result of the year's work is 1 66-100 miles of sewers, with a cost of $61,754.51—$36,318.50 of which is chargeable to the city, and the balance to the property abutting.

The total length of sewers built under the new sewer law to date is 24.34 miles, at a cost of $822,955.40.

The Sewer Department is still under the charge of Mr. Wm. H. Foulkner.

The ordinance introduced early this year, and defeated at the last meeting, requiring all improved property located on streets where sewers have been laid to be provided with underground drains for one of the storm water and house waste, instead of allowing it to flow over the street pavements and into the gutters as is generally practiced at present, should be passed as a sanitary measure, and will in a large degree contribute very materially to the safety and utility of the sidewalks by freeing them of ice, and besides would relieve the Street Commissioners' Department of a serious item of expense in cutting ice and clearing gutters. At present only new buildings are required to have underground connections with the sewers. Councils should delegate a competent person, either the Health officer or sewer inspector, to supervise the construction of all house-plumbing relating to drainage, to see that the basins, closets, and traps are properly trapped, and that the plumbing is done in such a way as to effectually prevent the escape of sewer gas into the buildings.

The presence of this gas in a confined atmosphere, such as in living and sleeping apartments, is very deleterious to health, and there is no doubt but that through bad plumbing, and careless work in laying drain pipe, especially in the class of houses built by contract, or to take the place of tenement houses, a great deal of sickness is produced by the escape of this gas.

I know of no more forceable way of presenting the subject, and of putting it in practical shape than by quoting the report of the Sanitary Superintendent, Dr. Day, of New York, presented and approved at a meeting of the Board of Health, December 14, 1875, and endorsing his recommendations.

I beg respectfully to return the communication from the Departments of Buildings referred to me by the Board at its meeting, December 7th, 1875, with the following remarks: Excepting the care of contagious diseases, the most useful work of this bureau has been and still is the inspection of the house plumbing and drainage. The inspectors, with all their experience, find often the greatest difficulty in determining the existence of traps and the location of house drains. It is indisputable that much disease and many deaths are due to defects in the plumbing of houses which should be safe beyond peradventure. These defects, difficult of detection, and expensive to correct in a house already built, can be readily avoided at the commencement of the building of the construction of the building. I would most respectfully propose that the Department of Buildings be requested to insist in accepting a specification upon the following particulars:

First—That the iron soil-pipe and the waste-pipe be extended through the roof for two feet, at their maximum calibres, and that the waste-pipe be independent of the soil-pipe.

Second—That every basin, sink, and bath-tub be properly trapped.

Third—That the pipe connections be lead calked or otherwise securely sealed.

Fourth—That the location and direction of the house drain be accurately indicated by a diagram with measurements, or by measurements from walls or other permanent landmarks, so that it may be readily reached when necessary.

Fifth—That the department forbid the use of brick drains or wooden, as substitutes for pipe drains, and that separate sewer connections be required when practicable, and,

Sixth—That the house-drain be trapped under the area, or near the cellar wall, in addition to all other traps whatsoever.

The flooded district should receive the immediate attention of Councils. The property near the mouth of Spring Garden avenue is lower, (elevation 41 feet above low water,) than the ground and streets in the valley to the south of it, and nearest the river, (elevation of W. P. R. R. 43 feet above low water,) and consequently is subject to overflow, in case the sewer inlets become obstructed, or the sewer overcharged.

The people in that locality will no doubt look with more favor on the plan of filling up the low grounds, and making such changes in street surfaces as will secure natural surface outlets for surplus water, in case of a heavy flood in the run.

The city large has a direct interest in this matter, and should provide means, in part at least, to put this property in proper shape.

During the year, the reservoir on Troy Hill has been enlarged and otherwise improved. The work could not be entirely finished on account of the early setting in of winter. That yet to be done consists chiefly in trimming banks, fencing, and repairing the bottom of the east compartment.

The improvements when completed will cost about $50,000.00.

The capacity of the resivoir is now in round numbers 10,000,000 gallons, or 2½ days supply.

The contractors for the improvement were the McNaugher Bros., Mr. John McGraw, by a sub-contract taking the stone work (division wall and chambers). The work was very carefully and creditably executed.

Allegheny should take steps to improve the water front on the Ohio river. The city, with a frontage on this river of nearly four miles, and with some twenty broad and well paved streets running to it from different quarters, has natural advantages over her sister city in harbor facilities. If this frontage is improved, it will yield, by the business attracted to it, a good revenue to the city, and will improve contiguous property materially. In view of the proposed improvements on this subject is a matter of considerable importance at this time to the city, and is worthy of the immediate consideration of Councils.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. DAVIS.

STREET COMMISSIONER—EASTERN DISTRICT.

Mr. W. W. Tyson, Street Commissioner of the Eastern District, reported as follows of his operations during the year:

EXPENDITURES.

Cleaning streets	$ 7,443 35
Repairing	6,128 32
Cleaning inlets	2,182 41
Repairing sewers and inlets	1,307 41
Gravel and stone	2,614 18
Carpenter work and lumber	1,466 86
Tools	308 03
Total	$21,647 56

There are 249 sewer inlets in the Eastern District. He recommends the purchase of two tip carts for the purpose of hauling away dirt removed from sewer inlets. During the year he has laid 3,500 yards of new cobble-stone pavement. In the district there are three miles of boardwalks.

STREET COMMISSIONER—WESTERN DISTRICT.

Mr. Alexander Hanna, Street Commissioner of the Western District, reports the expenditures in his department during the year as follows:

Pay-rolls	$14,339 30
Gravel and stone	2,546 84
Repairing sewers	773 82
Lumber and labor	228 43
Tools and hardware	488 00
Total	$18,376 39

CITY SOLICITOR.

Mr. W. B. Rodgers, City Solicitor, reported the operations in his department as follows: He has filed municipal liens in 88 cases and paid the City Treasurer the following amounts collected by him:

Grading and Paving Assessment	$25,118 26
Sewer Assessments	5,852 07
Opening and Widening of Streets	11,370 08
Miscellaneous Assessments	2,116 71
Total	$43,457 12

During the year J. B. Young & Co. entered suit against the city for a balance alleged to be due them for paving. The case has not yet been tried.

He then rehersed the different cases prosecuted or defended by himself in behalf of the city during the year.

He says that some additional legislation on streets is much needed. Under the present law no provision is made for compensation to parties whose property is damaged by reason of the grade of a street, but under the new Constitution parties damaged in such cases are entitled to compensation. As the result, such damages must be paid out of the City Treasury. Legislation authorizing the assessment of such damages upon the property benefitted would remedy the difficulty. He prepared such an act but it failed to get through the session the adjournment of that body. He also suggests that it would be advisable to have an act passed to authorize the issuing of bonds in cases of street improvements and allow the assessments to be collected in installments.

WATER COMMITTEE.

Mr. A. D. Smith, Chairman of the Water Committee, submitted his annual report. The committee reported that both the old and new machinery of the Water Works was in excellent condition.

They also reported the improvements made on the water basin during the year, and recommended that the bottom of the eastern compartment be paved as soon as the weather will permit. The basins are large enough to supply the entire city with water, but the water mains on now the principal streets are too small, and for that reason it is not possible for sufficent water to pass through to reach the higher portions of the city. They therefore recommended that these mains be taken up and larger ones be put down.

In conclusion the committee referred to the detailed reports of the Superintendent of the Water Works and the Water Assessor.

SUPERINTENDANT OF WATER WORKS.

Mr. H. C. RICHMOND, Superintendent of the Water Works submitted his annual report of his operations during the year. The expenses of the department for the year were as follows:

Expended on New Basins	$45,738 86
Expended on Old Works	18,543 43
Expended on New Works	14,494 92
Expended on Streets	17,308 50
Total	$96,085 71

Received from sale of old iron and brass, $1,102 42.

$1,828 83 were paid into the City Treasury for the sale of ferrules.

There were 263 ferrules inserted during the year.

During the year 8,910 feet of water pipe of all sizes were laid—much of which was 16 inch—and 900 feet for all 9,810 feet of with the basin

ninety-eight stop-gates and six wash-out valves, sixteen fire plugs were put in, and quite a number of plugs were replaced.

During the year 176,740 bushels of coal were consumed, of this 174,740 bushels were consumed at the Water Works and 2,000 by the Troy Hill Pumping Station. This during 1874 was $15,109.95, and $9,794.82 in 1875, making a reduction of $5,315.13 over the previous year.

The reservoirs are in good condition, the recent improvements still leaking however on account of the failure to complete the puddling of the bottom before the cold weather set in but it will be completed as soon as the weather will permit.

The steam fire engine has been placed in good order and will answer all practical purposes for some time to come. The old engines and boilers have been thoroughly repaired and are now in good order. The present water to answer all demands. He recommended that Council take prompt action toward replacing the small water mains on the principal streets. The average running time of the engines during the sixteen hours per day, with an average consumption of 484 bushels of coal, or at the rate of 725 bushels per 24 hours. The amount of water pumped from the basin has been about 4,000,000 gallons per day.

PARK COMMISSION.

Mr. WALTON from the Park Commission, presented their report. They reported the expenditures during the year, and that they still had a balance on hand. The principal expense during the year was for fitting up that portion of the Park between Martin street and the railroad, and also for laying concrete walks. The balance on hand will be used for maintaining the Park, cutting grass, &c. They recommended that Councils pave the thoroughfare which runs through the Park from Stockton to Marion avenues.

SURVEY COMMITTEE.

Mr. JOHN COCHRAN, Chairman of the Survey Committee, presented the report of that committee.

They reported that the only street opening of importance recommended during the year was for the opening of Monroe street through the Butcher's Run flooded district, but they now recommend that the report of Viewers be quashed, for the reason that the street was not wanted by the property owners.

Mr. WM. HEAGY, Chairman of the Police Committee, presented the annual report of the business of the Mayor's office during the year, a synopsis of which is published in another column.

The reports were all received and ordered to be printed.

Mr. JOHN COCHRAN presented the plan of lots of A. M. Marshall, in the Seventh ward. Approved.

Mr. A. SLACK presented the annual report of the City Solicitor.

The business from Common Council was taken up and all actions of that body concurred in.

Mr. J. E. MCKELVEY presented a resolution returning the thanks of Council to the President Mr. J. C. Patterson, for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over Council. Adopted unanimously.

Mr. BUCKENSTEIN presented a resolution returning the thanks of Council to Mr. R. T. White, the Clerk of Council, for the efficient and able manner in which he has attended to the duties of his office. Adopted and.

After hearing speeches from the retiring and other members of Council, a motion was carried to adjourn *sine die*.

COMMON COUNCIL.

W. P. PRICE.....President
ROBERT DILWORTH.....Clerk

The following members were present: Messrs. Bedell, Burton, Biber, Born, Cochran, Drum, Erwin, Gschwend, Golden, Hopf, Hughes, Johnston, Kredel, Moul, McGuire, Nesmith, Sholes, Swindell, Stone, Schmitt, Thompson, Wilson, President Price.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was on motion disposed with.

The business of S. C., of the last meeting was taken up and all actions of that body concurred in:

The ordinance regulating the manner of letting the contract for doing the newspaper printing was read and amended by the Select Council.

Mr. GOLDEN moved to amend by striking out the word "three," and inserting the word "two,"—so to provide for but one English paper. He was in favor of economy and made the motion accordingly.

Mr. JOHNSTON hoped the amendment would not prevail, as they had not time to pass an ordinance this year, if it was not passed at once. Any changes necessary might be made by the incoming Councils before the contract was let.

Mr. GOLDEN then withdrew his amendment, and the ordinance was passed finally.

Mr. COCHRAN moved to reconsider their action in passing the ordinance for the construction of a stone wall on Howard street.

The ordinance was reconsidered and the bill ordered to be passed.

CITY PROPERTY.

Mr. GEORGE COCHRAN, Chairman of the Committee on City Property, submitted his annual report.

The committee reported the city property under their charge as in excellent condition, with the exception of two engine houses, and they recommend that the incoming Council make provision for the erection of a new engine house in the First ward. A lot of ground is already being graded on which to erect the building.

HEALTH PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

The Physician to the Health Committee reports as follows

The total number of deaths during the year was 851, forty of which were colored persons. Of the number 417 were males and 434 females. The proportion of deaths to the thousand of the population, estimating the population at 65,000, was 13 or 1.3 per cent. The number of deaths last year was 1,537, the number this year was 851, a decrease of 686 or 45 per cent.

The ages at the time of death were as follows:

Still born, 53; under 1 year, 150; from 1 to 2 years, 98; from 2 to 5 years, 81; from 5 to 10 years, 56; from 10 to 15 years, 25; from 15 to 20 years, 34; from 20 to 30 years, 91; from 30 to 40 years, 49; from 40 to 50 years, 41; from 50 to 60 years, 46; from 60 to 70 years, 49; from 70 to 80 years, 53; from 80 to 90 years, 8; from 90 to 100 years, 4; unknown ages, 14.—Total 851.

There were 21 cases of small-pox attended to by him, 10 white and 4 colored persons, males 13 and females 4. Deaths 2. In attending these cases 108 visits were made. At the city Pest House there were 15 cases, of these 9 were from Allegheny, 2 from Pittsburgh and 4 from the Work House, Four of the number were tramps. He made 183 visits to the Pest House. Three of these patients died. He recommended the the removal of the Pest House to a point within the city limits where it is much more easy of access and where the patients could be better attended to.

HEALTH MATTERS.

Mr SIMON DRUM, Chairman of the Health Committee, presented the report of that committee. The report stated that the general health of the city was about the same as during previous years. It refers to the prevalence of small-pox during the year, and the expense of maintaining the hospital at Claremont, and recommends to the incoming Councils that the appropriation for the same be increased for the coming year over the amount appropriated for the present year. The report concludes by referring to the accompanying reports of the Health Officer, City Physician and Meat Inspector for further details.

Health Officer Hoch reportod that the small-pox hospital at Claremont had been open for nine months, but had been closed on November 27th, and was now unoccupied. During the year there have been 52 cases of small-pox in the city, and at this time there are three cases. During the year 1,597 nuisances were abated at his order, and 64 persons were notified of the violation of the health laws by them. There were 26 suits instituted by him for violation of the health laws. He concluded his report by recommending that the butchers be prohibited from throwing offal into the sewers, but that the Fall-master be required to carry it off.

MEAT INSPECTOR.

Meat Inspector Joseph A. Drexler reported that he had condemned a lot of sheep, for which he was prosecuted by the owner, and the matter is now pending in the Courts. He also reported the arrest and punishment of two butchers for making bologna sausage out of horse-meat, and that the parties had commenced it again, but that they had left the city to save themselves from prosecution again.

There are about 100 meat shops in the city besides the market.

During the year he had condemned 6 cattle, 3 hogs, 305 sheep and 15 calves, and 6,140 pounds of dressed meat, 100 pounds of poultry, and about 6 wagon loads of vegetables and fruits.

WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

Mr. J. O. S. GOLDEN, Chairman of the Committee on Wharves and Landings, presented the annual report of that committee. The receipts from the eastern wharf district were $949.48, and from the western district $951.07, making $1,900.55 in all, a decrease of $466.75 of the receipts of last year. This decrease is accounted for by the fact that the suits instituted against certain parties for rent for wharfage occupied by them have not yet been decided. During the year about 500 feet of new wharf has been made in the eastern district, 150 feet of new sewers constructed. In the western district, 150 feet of wharf has been made, and 80 feet of box sewers constructed. The labors of the year have been principally devoted to maintaining the old wharf.

GAS COMMITTEE.

Mr. THOS. BROWN, Chairman of the Gas Committee, submitted the annual report of that committee. He reported the following as the cost of gas supplied to the city:

Public Lamps	$14,996 80
City Hall	1,243 20
Market House	1,057 60
Water Works	248 00
Grant Engine House	49 60
Columbia " "	81 60
Ellsworth " "	29 60
Friendship " "	65 60
Good Will " "	52 00
Hope " "	38 00
Lincoln " "	22 80
Allegheny " "	49 60
Diamond and Second ward scales	8 00
Park Green House	3 20